BRITISH ARTIFICIAL COMPETITION RULES (BACR) Dec 2025:

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602.5 TD travel expenses increased to £545, and TD's daily expense increased to £100 per day.



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1. General

1.1. ICR

The International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) provide the basic framework of rules for all Alpine ski events. However, some amendments are required for British, Constituent Group (CG) and club competitions on artificial slopes.

These amendments are detailed in the British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR", of which this document is the first part) and have been approved by the GB Snowsport Alpine and Telemark Technical Delegates Forum. They must be adhered to for all events on the British Artificial Calendar which are intended to count for British Artificial Seeding System (BARTS) points.

1.2. British Competition Framework

The British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR") comprises this document (BACR Book I) and a set of other documents that act as a compendium of rules, regulations and technical papers covering eligibility, registration, seeding, the British Calendar and other matters.

The British competition framework of which BACR forms a part also includes a corresponding set of documents (the "BCR") covering competitions on outdoor snow slopes.

1.3. Terms

For definitions and abbreviations, see Part 3.

The words "TD Forum" refer to the GBR Alpine and Telemark Technical Delegates Forum.

1.4. Amendments

Proposals for amendments should be submitted to the TD Forum Chairman. Precisions will be issued at intervals and will be identified by the date of issue.

1.5. Document Versions

All books in the BACR are re-issued annually, after each autumn meeting of the TD Forum, to apply through the following season. The document version in the form “Version MMM YY” will appear at the foot of each page. A summary of the changes in each edition is listed in a table at the end of each book.

Any rule changes that have to be made during the season will be issued as separate “Precisions”. The most up-to-date versions of all documents will always be available through the gbski.com web site.

2. Rules: Amendments to ICR

Unless specifically amended in this Section, throughout the ICR replace FIS with GB Snowsport and National Ski Association with CG. Where the equivalent body is not apparent, clarification should be sought from the TD Forum. Paragraph numbers apply to ICR Book IV.

200.3 **Participation**
All competitions listed in the British Calendar are open only to properly licensed competitors. Other limitations may be included if specified and published in the programme.

201.1.1 Competitions with special rules and/or limited participation or including non-members may be held under special competition rules as approved by the TD Forum. Any such rules must be published in the announcement.

201.3 **Classification of Competitions**
201.3.1 British
201.3.2 CG
201.3.3 Club

202.1.2 **British Calendar**
All CGs and their member clubs are entitled to organise competitions. Any competition, which is to be submitted for seeding, must be published in the British Calendar. All applications for inclusion in the Calendar must be submitted in accordance with BACR Book IV. The HNGBs will determine which events are to be included in the British Calendar.

203 Licences and Registration
203.1 The BARTS registration year begins on 1st January and finishes on 31st December.

204.2 **Competitors' Insurance**
By submitting a race entry, each competitor assumes full responsibility for ensuring that valid and sufficient accident insurance for training and competition is in place for themself.

212.4 **Insurance**
All racers participating in British Calendar events must have adequate public liability insurance. All competitors are responsible for obtaining their own adequate insurance coverage. All competitors must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request.

215.3 **Entries**
Every entry must include:
215.3.1 Registration number, name, first name, gender, year of birth and the prescribed entry fee.

215.5 The entry for a race by a competitor shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organiser and shall be governed by the Athletes Declaration. There will be no refund of entry fees as a result of injury, illness or cancellation or any other reason unless explicitly published by the organisers.

216.5 **Team Captains' Meetings**
Competitors who are not members of clubs or teams have the right to nominate representatives to attend team captains' meetings.

217.2 **Draw**

The competitors entered will only be drawn provided the entries on official entry forms or via the official entry system and the required fee have been received by the organiser by the closing date specified for the competition. The organisers may defer the draw to a date nearer the race date, in which case late entries received before that revised date will also be included in the draw.

Entries accepted after the draw will be added to the beginning (for outdoor races) or the end (for indoor races) of all start lists that are not generated from the result of prior runs. Such late entries to be added in the order the entries were received. The entry received last shall therefore run first in outdoor races and last in indoor races.

For start lists generated from the result of prior runs (including the final run of an outdoor Club National or any standard two-run aggregate time race) all competitors will be placed on that start list based solely on their time, even if they were a late entry.

217.3 There is no requirement that competitors be represented at a Team Captains' or other meeting to be included in the draw.

221.1 **Health and Fitness**

Each competitor or their guardian is responsible for the competitor's health and fitness for the competition entered.

221.6 **Medical Services required from Event Organisers**

221.6.1 Risk assessment form

The Organising Committee for each competition must fill in the assessment form prior to the commencement of Training at a Competition, the first Team Captain's meeting, or the start of race day, whichever is the earlier.

For the completion of all tables in this document, an example form is available to consult. This example is available to download from www.gbski.com, as are blank versions of this form.

221.6.2 Medical Services

The Organising Committee must confirm with the Technical Delegate that the required rescue facilities are in place before starting the competition. The specific requirements concerning facilities, resources and personnel are contained in the respective discipline rules. (also see BACR II, Art 3.13)

222 Competition Equipment

222.7 Subject to the following variations, the FIS "Specifications for Competition Ski Equipment" apply as amended by the current FIS precisions - see www.fisski.com rules section.

222.7.1 At all artificial ski slope competitions, competitors must wear long trousers, long sleeves and gloves during the practice session, course inspection and the race.

222.7.2 Ski poles with a minimum tip diameter of less than 15mm must be fitted with rubber or plastic tip protectors or otherwise altered to increase the tip diameter to at least 15mm.

222.7.3 Pending further research, Part B Section 1.2.1 (Geometric Features) of the FIS "Specifications for Competition Ski Equipment" does not apply at artificial ski slope competitions. Adherence to those regulations is however recommended in the interim. Section 2 Safety Bindings and

Section 3 Ski Stoppers apply in full. Snow Blades are not permitted for racing. See BACR Book VI.

223.3 **Penalties**

223.3.1 Replace "CHF 100000" with "£1,000".

224.17 **Benefit Fund**

All monetary fines are paid to the British Snowsports Fund.

225.1 **Appeals Commission**

The TD Forum appoints an Appeals Commission consisting of three of its members. The Commission decides on problems which cannot be resolved by the Jury. The Commission also deals with protests against the decisions of the Jury.

225.2 The decisions of the Appeals Commission will be sent by GB Snowsport to the parties concerned, the CGs to which they belong and to the members of the Jury against whose decision a protest was lodged.

226.1 Replace "CHF 100,000" with "£1,000".

601.4.6.1 **Jury Duties**

Add: "Carefully checking the matting on the course and in the finish area to ensure that it is in an acceptable and safe condition and that it is properly secured with no ruptured edges".

602 Technical Delegate

For information on Technical Delegate development and all issues relating to TD assessment, licensing and training, refer to BCR Book VII.

602.2.2 **Assignment**

For all seeded events on British Calendar, the TD Forum appoints the TD. CGs may make recommendations for appointments to their own Group or Club events. Where possible, the TD Forum should avoid allocating the same event to the same TD for more than two consecutive years.

602.2.3 When held in conjunction with British Calendar event, U10/12 races are to be overseen by the TD assigned to the overall event. Where programme constraints do not allow that, including running the U10/12 races on a separate slope or involving competitors outside the recognised age groups, the TD shall not oversee these races.

602.2.5 An additional TD may be appointed for races within an event where the Programme does not allow the principal TD to officiate.

602.4.3 For all British Calendar events, the TD should arrive at the competition site with sufficient time to become familiar with the race slope, safety requirements, medical facilities, and to meet with the ROC and Jury Members.

602.5 **Expense Accounts**

The TD has a right to reimbursement for travel expenses up to a maximum of £545 (mileage will be calculated at the current HMRC rate (45p)), unless otherwise agreed by the ROC, as well as free accommodation and meals during the assignment. This rule also applies to agreed inspections, as well as the competition. The expenses of the TD must be included in the organisational budget for the event and may be paid directly by the organisers or by the providing CG through an enhanced calendar fee.

In addition, a fixed daily rate of £100, is added for the travel days to and from, as well as each day of the assignment.

603 **Duties of the Course Setter**

603.7.3 All courses must be set according to the BACR.

604 **Acceptance / Rights and Duties**

604.1 **Officials, Medical and Technical Personnel**

Delete from "Quotas for the right" to "in an official capacity" and substitute: - "Each club will be allowed two accredited managers or coaches in the race area. All other support members, including competitors not involved in the race being run, will be excluded." ICR 613.1 also applies.

605 **Forerunners**

605.1 Append "Athletes will only be permitted to forerun in a higher age category if permitted to do so by the Jury."

606.2.5 **Competitors' Outfits at artificial ski slope competitions**

Competitors must wear long trousers, long sleeves and gloves throughout the practice session, course inspection and the race.

607 **Age Limits**

607.1 The Calendar Period is March 1st – November 30th. In order to compete, a competitor must have been born within the calendar years defined annually by FIS.

608.6 In competitions for U14 and U16, 621.3 will apply.

611.1 **Communications and Cabling**

Voice communication between starter and timing must be assured by fixed wire connection or radio. In the case of radio, this must be on a separate channel from that used by another function of the ROC.

611.2 **Timing Equipment**

For all seeded events on the calendar, electronic timers, start gates and photocells homologated by FIS must be used. Timing devices which have been homologated by FIS may continue to be used for a maximum of two years after they have been removed from the official list of FIS homologated equipment. A list of all approved devices is published on the GBSKI web site. Races using timing equipment other than those on this approved list will not be considered for seed points.

611.2.1 Replace first paragraph with: "The minimum requirement is for one electronic system and a manual (hand timing) system, operating in Time-of-Day mode.". The remainder of ICR 611.2.1 still applies, ignoring references to system B.

611.2.1.1 Start Gate

If a start gate or start wand requires replacement during a run, it must be replaced with identical equipment in the same position.

611.2.1.2 Photocells

Photocells must be secured to the slope in such a way as they do not present a risk of injury to competitors. Any mounting system such as tripods must not be rigidly fixed to the slope but must be installed using a method that allows them to break away if struck by a competitor.

611.2.4 Timing without Cable

It is permitted to use homologated timing equipment in such a way that hill cable connection between start and finish is not required. Refer to the FIS Timing Booklet for a detailed discussion of how this is possible.

613.1 **Start Area**

613.1.1 For artificial slope races, skis may be carried into the start gate/start hut and attached immediately prior to starting. All ski preparation (including waxing or spraying) must be completed outside the immediate start area/start hut.

614.3 **Competitor Inspection**

614.3.2 Add "or correctly leashed snowblades" after "without skis".

614.1.2.2 Marking of the gates

For competitions on outdoor slopes, the position of the gate poles must be marked with an easily recognisable colouring substance which remains visible throughout the entire race.

621 **Start Order**

(also see BACR Book II Art 6.7 and BACR Book IV Art 3.4, 4.3, 5.3, 6.3 and 7.3 as appropriate)

621.2 The IBARTS/OBARTS list that applies at the date of the race must be used for the classification of competitors and the draw for start order. If a competitor does not appear in that points list, they will be assigned to that group of competitors without points.

621.3 The starting order of all the competitors in the first run of artificial slope competitions is determined by their BARTS points.

For indoor snow events, a first group of the 15 best competitors will be drawn and run first. All remaining competitors with points will start in increasing order of their points. All registered competitors without points will be drawn in a separate group to run before any day registered competitors. Day registered competitors will be drawn in a separate group to run last.

For outdoor (dry slope) events, day registered competitors will be drawn in a separate group to run first; the group of registered competitors with no points will be drawn and start first; the remainder, up to the best 15, will run in descending point order; the best 15 will be drawn and start last.

621.3.1 In competitions for U14 and U16, 621.3 above will apply. U10 and U12 do not have seed points, and will be drawn and start as a separate group.

621.3.2 Special regulations may apply to individual events.

621.6 **Draw**

The draw may take place at any time after the closing date for entries but before race day. The Start List must be published either as part of the Acceptance Bulletin or before course inspection. All entries received and accepted by the time of the draw shall be included in the draw. Entries accepted after the draw shall be added to the top of the start list in the order the entries were received.

621.11.1 For indoor snow events, in competitions with two runs the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places.

621.11.2 For those first 30 places the starting order is as follows:
- the 30th in the result list starts 1st
- the 29th in the result list starts 2nd

- etc
That is, the top 30 are reversed. If more than one competitor is ranked 30th, the competitor with the lowest start number will start first.

621.11.5 For outdoor competitions with two runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run. For 'Club National' and similar three-run races, the starting order of the second run is the same as the first, and the starting order of the third and final run is determined by the result list of the first two runs.

625.2 **Award of Prizes in the Case of Terminated Competitions**
For Slalom and Giant Slalom events the 1st run has to be completed. i.e. all competitors on the start list must have had the chance to start. If this is not possible, the race is invalid. If the 2nd run is not completed, then the results of the 1st run become the race results.

627 **Not Permitted to Start (NPS)**

627.3.1 A competitor with a suspected or confirmed concussion will not be permitted to start (NPS) unless a certificate of fitness to race, signed by an appropriate licensed medical practitioner (doctor, medical practice or hospital), is provided to the Jury.

644.4 **Protest Fee**
£25 or the equivalent in another valid currency must be submitted with the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld, otherwise it goes to the account of the British Snowsports Fund.

645 **Authorisation**
The following are authorized to submit protests: -
- CGs,
- trainers,
- team captains,
- all competitors not otherwise represented.

646.2 **Settlement of Protests by the Jury**
Add "Video evidence which is to be offered in support of any protest against disqualification must be submitted to the Jury in the required format immediately after the lodging of the protest. It is the responsibility of the person protesting to provide this facility".

646.2.1 Whenever possible when attending a Jury meeting, minors should be accompanied by an adult to represent their interests.

647 **Right of Appeal**

647.1.2 Appeals must be submitted in writing to GB Snowsport or CG office as appropriate.

647.1.3.1 Any additional supporting evidence must be sent to the GB Snowsport or CG office as appropriate within 14 days after the announcement of the Jury decision.

647.1.4 The decisions against the appeals are taken by the Appeals Panel convened by TD Forum or corresponding group designated by the CG as appropriate.

650.1 **Homologation**
All British calendar competitions may only be run on courses which are homologated by GB Snowsport or HNGB in accordance with the criteria defined in BACR Book VIII.

801 Slalom Technical Data

801.1 **Vertical Drop**

The vertical drop of the course will be determined by the choice of ski slope.

801.2 **Gates**

801.2.4 The number of gates will be determined by the length of the course and the characteristics of the slope.

801.2.5 **Artificial Slopes**

Artificial slopes used for competitions must conform to the specifications as defined in BACR VIII (Homologation).

803.2 **Number of Gate Combinations**

A Slalom must contain horizontal (open) and vertical (closed) gates as well as a minimum of one and a maximum of three vertical combinations consisting of three to four gates. It may also contain a maximum of three delay gates.

803.2.1 **Gate Combinations for U14 and U16**

Maximum 2 hairpin combinations and maximum 2 vertical combinations consisting of 3 - 4 gates.

803.5 **Checking the slalom course**

For competitions on outdoor slopes, replace "If necessary the position of the poles is marked" with "The position of the poles is marked".

805 The Start

805.3.1 **Start Signal**

Replace the first sentence with "A competitor must be ready to enter the start gate as soon as the competitor before them has started".

901 Giant Slalom Technical Data

901.1 **Vertical Drop**

The vertical drop of the course will be determined by the choice of ski slope.

1220 Parallel Slalom and Parallel Slalom Relays

1222 Vertical Drop

The vertical drop of the course will be determined by the choice of ski slope.

1223 Choice and Preparation of the Course

1223.2 The slope must be in the same condition throughout a run, including the use of misting or watering, so that it is possible to offer consistent race conditions to all competitors.

1223.4 Attention should be paid to protection measures installed to protect racers and spectators, particularly in the finish area.

1224 The Courses

1224.1 The course will normally be marked by single poles, or pairs of poles with a gate panel in GS style.

1224.4 The first gate in each course should be placed at the same angle from the corresponding start gate, and in such a position that the direction of the first turn is obvious.

1225 Distance between the two courses

The distance between two corresponding gates (from turning pole to turning pole) should be no less than 4.5m and no more than 8m. The

distance between the starting gates should be the same as between the two courses. Adequate clearance must be maintained from both sides of the slope.

1226 Start

1226.1 Standard Slalom start gates shall be used for the start. The gates must be connected to the timing system.

1226.1.1 For a team relay, if an electronic timing system is not available, the start may be controlled using flags to indicate when the previous competitor in the team crosses the finish line.

1226.3 Start Command

The Starter ensures that the competitors are ready by stating "Red course ready - Blue course ready – Attention".

The Starter will after a short interval trigger the start which will signal the competitors via audible and/or visual indicator.

1226.4 If one or both start signals fail to operate the start must be repeated.

1226.5 One false start is permitted per competitor. In a team event, a false start is only allowed for the first competitor in the team. If the second or subsequent competitors in a team event false starts then the entire team shall be disqualified.

1226.6 A competitor returning to the start after a false start is not permitted to re-wax or otherwise 'prep' their skis before re-entering the start gate.

1227 Finish

1227.2 The finish line is split into two parts and clearly marked.

1229 Timing

The timing system must be capable of detecting false starts, relaying signals from finish to start to allow the second and subsequent competitors to start their run, and indicating the result of the race (win/loss/draw). The timing system to be used must be approved by the Jury.

1230 Format

1230.1 Parallel slaloms will normally be in the form of a knockout, which may be preceded by a league stage or preliminary rounds. The format of the competition shall be decided and announced by the Organisers.

1230.2 Individuals may be seeded according to their current seed points. Teams may be seeded according to the aggregate seed points of team members. In either case, seeding may be done using the current published BARTS seed list, or by some other method as determined by the Organisers.

1230.3 The Jury shall decide in advance which colour course shall be skied by each individual or team and shall ensure that, as far as practicable, competitors ski alternate courses throughout the competition.

1230.4 In determining the order in which individuals and teams compete, the Organisers will attempt to ensure that the best seeded individuals or teams are placed in opposite halves of the draw.

1230.5 At the start of the knockout stage of a seeded competition, individuals or teams at opposite ends of the seeding shall be run against each other. So in a round of 16 teams, the team placed 1st would race against 16th, 2nd against 15th, and so on. In a competition where the knockout stage is preceded by a league stage where two teams per league progress to the knockout, the winner of one league would race against the second placed team from another league. If the knockout round is not preceded by and league or seeding stage, teams will be drawn for start position in the first knockout round.

1232 Disqualifications / Did Not Finish

1232.2 If a pole has been displaced and it is not possible to replace it in time, then competitors should ski round the place where the pole should be.

1232.3 In a team competition, if both teams are disqualified, the team that has travelled further down the course before the disqualification shall be deemed to be the winner of the tie.

1232.4 The procedure for dealing with Protests against disqualification must be announced by the Jury at the start of the competition. The normal procedure is that the Protest must be made to a member of the Jury immediately after the announcement of the disqualification. A protest will not be accepted after the start of the next race.

3. Definitions

British Competition Year. The period from 1st May to 30th April of the following year. This differs from the FIS Competition Year, which is the period from 1st July to 30th June of the following year

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS). The International Ski Federation.

Force Majeure. Unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances for which a deviation from the rules may be required.

GB Snowsport - GB Snowsport Ltd.

Home Nation Governing Bodies (HNGBs). Snowsport England, Snowsport Wales, Snowsport Scotland.

Hors Concours. Literally 'outside competition'. A racer competing but not for prizes or honours.

International Ski Competition Rules (ICR). The FIS Rules for International Alpine Skiing.

International. A competition approved by the GB Snowsport Alpine Executive in which Great Britain and at least one other overseas nation takes part.

League. A group of ski organisations competing in knockout or American style to rules of their own making but with the approval of the TD Forum.

Licence. An authorisation to compete in various specified grades of competition.

Member Groups:

Snowsport England - trading name of English Ski Council Ltd (SSE)
Snowsport Wales - trading name of Ski Council of Wales Ltd (SSW)
Snowsport Scotland (SSC)
British Association of Snowsports Instructors (BASI)
United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association (UKAFWSA)
Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB)

Registration. A listing or categorisation of licensed competitors.

Seeding. The classification of competitors into a ranking list of expected ability formulated from past results.

TD Forum A technical sub-committee of GB Snowsport.

4. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2007	15-Nov-2006	Approved by TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	602.5 TD's Expense increased to £80 per day.
		606.7 Catsuit rule deleted to align with the BCR.
		611.2.4 Allow wireless connection of start and/or finish to timing unit for artificial slope races.
		Replace BSS with GB Snowsport.
Nov 19	3-Nov-19	217.2 Addition of the Online Entry system.
		221.6.2 Clarification on the required medical services.
		602.2.3 Clarification of the TD's responsibilities for U10/12 held in conjunction with a Calendar event.
		621.2 & 3 Start order clarification for non and registered racers without points.
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender neutral amendments.
Dec 20	21-Dec-20	627 NPS due to Concussion.
Nov 22	6-Nov-22	1226.3 to 1226.6 replaced and 1227.2 added to align to the ICR.
		1232.2 deleted and 3,4 & 5 renumbered.
		217.2 Amended to clarify late entries process.
		602.5 TD travel expenses increased to £500.
Dec 23	5-Dec-23	602.5 TD travel expenses increased to £525.
Nov 24	5-Nov-2024	Remove BARSC from list of CGs
		602.5 TD travel expenses increased to £535.
May 25	27-May-2025	611.2.4 Wireless timing allowed at all events under BACR
Dec 25	6-Dec-2025	602.5 Increase TD travel expenses to £545. 602.5 TD's daily expense increased to £100 per day.



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1. General

1.1. Application

This document is part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR"), and provides guidance to race organisers and officials about the duties, responsibilities and procedures involved in running races on artificial slopes. Refer to BACR Book I for overall details about BACR and its application.

2. Organiser and Organising Committee

2.1. Organiser

2.1.1. The Organiser is the person (or group of persons) who makes the necessary preparations and directly carries out the running of the competition. If the Constituent Group or Club does not act as the Organiser, it may appoint an affiliated club as the Organiser.

2.2. Organising Committee

2.2.1. The Organiser appoints all the members of the Organising Committee except the TD, and the Referee in Slalom and Giant Slalom races, and the Referee and Assistant Referee in Downhill and Super-G races; these officials are appointed by the TD and are automatically members of the Organising Committee.

2.2.2. The Organising Committee carries the rights, duties and obligations of the Organiser. The Chairman or Representative represents the committee in public and makes decisions concerning all matters not allocated to other specific persons and groups.

2.3. Organising Committee pre-race organisation

2.3.1. Contract and Race Calendar

2.3.1.1 If the event is a FIS, British or a Constituent Group race the dates and venue will have been decided by GB Snowsport or the appropriate Constituent Group Organising Committee who also must ensure that they have permission, and a contract if appropriate, with the slope where the race is to be held, making clear the facilities required and the date of the event.

2.3.1.2 If the event is a Club race the organising club must arrange permission from the slope to use their facilities and obtain approval from the appropriate Constituent Group regarding the suitability of the dates.

2.3.1.3 The Sponsors, if any, may put certain parameters on the dates and the Organising Committee may have to co-ordinate with these.

2.3.1.4 The Organiser must apply for the event to be inserted in the appropriate FIS or British Calendar. A competition may not count for seed points unless it is included in the appropriate calendar.

2.3.2. Budget and Preparation

2.3.2.1 The Organising Committee must thoroughly examine the financial requirements of the event, including the cost of course equipment, accommodation, office expenses, timing, TD expenses, etc. The Organising Committee must compare the total anticipated expenditure with the income expected from the race entry fees; sponsorship and, if appropriate any subsidy from a Constituent Group, and produce a realistic budget to work from.

2.3.2.2 The Organising Committee must notify the Officials concerned of their duties and the date, time and venue of the inaugural Organising Committee meeting.

2.3.2.3 The Organising Committee must ensure that the Race Secretary has received all relevant documentation including the name of the Technical Delegate.

2.4. Technical Delegate

2.4.1. When a Race is inserted in the British Calendar, the appropriate Technical Delegate Forum will appoint a TD to attend the race if the race is nominated for seeding.

2.4.2. The TD becomes a member of the Organising Committee on appointment.

2.5. Committee meetings

2.5.1. The organiser must form the Organising Committee that over a period of time before the event will hold a number of meetings in order to:-

- publish the Announcement and Race Programme
- agree the parameters of the budget
- ensure that all equipment requirements will be met
- arrange that all necessary accommodation for personnel is reserved
- ensure the approval of the race entry form by the appropriate authority
- arrange to have a satisfactory Race Office
- arrange for professional time- keeping if necessary
- the Organiser having previously arranged permission with the resort, liaise nearer the date of the event with the resort regarding:-
    - requirements in the course area
    - requirements for public safety
    - uplift priority for personnel and competitors
    - gratuitous uplift tickets for personnel and competitors
- make a final assessment of the availability of personnel
- decide on method of timing that will be available

2.6. Entry form

2.6.1. British and Constituent Group Races may have a formalised entry form. The appropriate authority must approve the entry form before it is distributed. The entry form must make provision for the competitor's registration number, name, first name, sex, year of birth and club(s) and disciplines entered.

2.6.2. The entry forms must be distributed in plenty of time to be returned before the closing date for entries for the event; this may be done in conjunction with a Constituent Group mailing to the competitors.

2.7. Acceptance meeting

2.7.1. The Organising Committee must meet to consider the acceptance of entries and the preparation of the Acceptance List.

2.7.2. All entries must have been made on the official race entry form or through an approved online race entry system. In order to be valid, entries must contain ALL requested information and entry fee. The Organising Committee may rule that entries are invalid if: -

- the entry form or information is incomplete
- the entry form is received late
- the entry fee submitted is insufficient
- the entrant is not a registered competitor
- the entrant is outside the age limit of the competition
- the entrant is not insured

2.7.3. The Organising Committee has discretion to accept late or incomplete entries. If the race is under-subscribed the Organising Committee may invite further applications (late entries).

2.7.4. The Jury will make the draw at the Team Captains' meeting, or at Jury meeting held at a time designated by the Jury.

2.7.5. The Acceptance List must contain the date and time of the Jury meeting at which the draw will take place. It must be issued along with the Race Programme in sufficient time to receive any protests, in writing, from competitors before the time of the draw.

2.7.6. The Race Secretary must ensure that the Race Programme and Acceptance list are prepared in accordance with the Organising Committee's instructions.

2.7.7. The Organiser must provide at least 3 forerunners of a suitable standard for the race.

2.8. De-briefing

2.8.1. After the event the Organising Committee meet in order to: -

- discuss any problems encountered in the event, how they were solved and any lessons to be learned for the future
- ensure that if the event was sponsored, the sponsor receives a copy of the results, any press cuttings regarding the event and is warmly thanked
- ensure that any outstanding accounts or expenses are paid promptly
- send a copy of the Statement of Income and Expenditure to the appropriate body (GB Snowsport, CG, Club, etc)

3. Overview of key officials and their duties

This section lists the key officials and a summary of their duties. Your event may not require all the specific individuals listed here, but their tasks will still need to be undertaken by someone on your team.

3.1. Organising Committee

The Organising Committee and its members collectively bear the responsibility of ensuring that the race is run correctly and successfully.

The TD appoints the Referee in Slalom and Giant Slalom and also appoints the Assistant Referee in Downhill and Super-G. These appointments make the officials members of the Organising Committee. Where possible, it is advisable that the appointments are ratified at a meeting of Team Managers.

The Organiser is required to appoint all other members of the Organising Committee who should have the appropriate experience to undertake their tasks correctly and efficiently. The most important officials and a short description of their duties as defined by ICR / BACR are set out below.

3.2. Chief of Championships

The Chief of Championships (Chairman of the OC) represents the Committee in public and leads the meetings concerning matters not dealt with by the Race Committee.

For some events a Chief of Championships may not be appointed, instead the organisers appoint a Chief of Race who takes on the duties and responsibilities of this role.

3.3. Chief of Race

The Chief of Race is responsible for the preparation of the competition and supervises the activities in the technical area. The Chief of Race summons meetings for consideration of technical questions and leads the team captains' meetings after consultation with the TD.

3.4. Race Secretary

The Race Secretary is responsible for all secretarial support to the technical aspects of the competition and for the preparation of the draw. The Race Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the Organising Committee, Jury and Team Captains meetings. The Race Secretary must ensure that all forms for start, finish, timing, calculations, and gate judging are well prepared, and handed over to the officials concerned in good order at the proper time.

The Race Secretary is present at the finish of each run to receive official protests and give them to those concerned. The Race Secretary must facilitate the calculation of results by appropriate preparation and ensure that they are duplicated and published as quickly as possible after completion of the competition. The Race Secretary must ensure that the official results contain all the required information. The Race Secretary may appoint an assistant as Jury Secretary.

3.5. Technical Delegate

The TD represents the governing body, is Chair of the race Jury, and leads Jury meetings. The prime concerns of the TD are with the security of the competition and the participants, and adherence to the rules.

3.6. Referee and Assistant Referee

The Referee is appointed by the TD, and is a voting Jury member. The Referee inspects the course along with the rest of the Jury. The Referee completes Referees Reports at the end of each run adjudicating on racers who were DNS, DNF and DSQ.

3.7. Start Referee

The Start Referee is present at the start throughout course inspection and the race, and makes sure that the regulations for the start and the start organisation are properly observed. The Start Referee determines the late and false starts and any violations against the rules for equipment and takes the measures required by the rules.

At the end of each run the Start Referee reports to the Referee the names of the competitors who did not start, have made false starts or other infringements.

3.8. Finish Referee

The Finish Referee is present at the finish throughout course inspection and the race, and makes sure that the regulations for the organisation of the finish in-run and out-run are properly observed. The Finish Referee records the correct passage of competitors through the finish, and records those who did not finish. The Finish Referee supervises the Finish Marshall, the timing and the crowd control in the finish area. The Finish Referee must be able to communicate immediately with the start at all times.

3.9. Chief of Timing and Calculations

The Chief of Timing and Calculations is responsible for the co-ordination of some officials at the start and finish, including timing and calculations. In Slalom the Chief of Timing and Calculations will decide the interval between starts. The following officials are under their control:-

- Starter
- Assistant Starter
- Chief Timekeeper and Assistants
- Chief of Calculations and Assistants
- Manual Hand Timekeepers and recorders

3.10. Chief of Course

The Chief of Course is responsible for the preparation of the courses in accordance with the directions and decisions of the Jury. The Chief of Course must be familiar with local conditions on the slope.

The Chief of Course is responsible for the provision of all equipment and any tools for the preparation and maintenance of the courses, for the conduct of the race and for communication equipment, when these duties have not been specifically assigned to another official.

3.11. Chief Gate Judge and Assistant

The Chief Gate Judge organises and supervises the work of the Gate Judges. The Chief Gate Judge designates the gates each Gate Judge will supervise and places the Gate Judges in position. The Chief Gate Judge distributes, in good time, to each Gate Judge the recording material that is needed (control card, pencil, eraser, start list) all properly protected from the weather.

The Chief Gate Judge must be prepared to offer assistance either to help keep the spectators off the course or to maintain the course. Chief Gate Judge must make sure that the numbering and marking of the gate is done within the required time.

If an Assistant Chief Gate Judge is included in the team, their task is to help the Chief Gate Judge with their duties, and to stand in for the Chief Gate Judge if necessary at any time during the race.

3.12. Chief Steward

The Chief Steward takes the necessary measures to close off the course so that spectators cannot gain entry. Sufficient personnel must be used according to a detailed plan, and sufficient space must be allowed behind the barriers to permit circulation of spectators.

3.13. First Aid

The ROC is responsible for organising adequate and appropriate first aid and medical coverage during the official training periods and the actual competition. This coverage should be dedicated to participants, accredited personnel and spectators within the course area of the competition and must be separate from provisions made for members of the public outside the course area. Where coverage is not physically present in the race slope area, communication arrangements are to be put in place to facilitate immediate response to an incident.

The minimum level required for BARTS events is First Aid at Work (FAW) and a paramedic is recommended for Parallel events.

3.14. Press Chief

The Chief Press Officer is responsible for all briefing and information for journalists, photographers, television and radio reports, in accordance with the instructions of the Organising Committee.

3.15. Prize Giving

A Master of Ceremonies conducts the Prize Giving, and will ensure that the podium, cups and medals, prize winners, sponsors and competitors are all in place. Whoever is announcing the results must understand the format that will be used and the order in which prizes are to be presented.

3.16. Dope Testing

Be prepared for the appearance of the Sports Council / FIS Dope Test Team and nominate personnel in advance to be available and responsible for co-ordinating the arrangements for testing should the Team arrive. Both a male and female may be required depending on the events being run that day. Specific

regulations for dope testing are detailed in BACR "Regulations for Doping Control".

3.17. Gate Judges

Sufficient gate judges must be available to adequately cover the course. Each gate judge will be allotted a number of gates to cover, and is responsible for recording correct or incorrect passage of each racer through those gates.

4. Chief of Championships

4.1. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1.1. The Chief of Championships is appointed by the race organiser. The role of Chief of Championships is to ensure the smooth running of the event.

4.1.2. For a 'single' event such as a club race the tasks of the Chief of Championships are usually undertaken by the Chief of Race. In this case, the race organiser will appoint the Chief of Race.

4.2. Pre Event Duties

4.2.1. Liaise with the organiser and the event venue, to ensure that all necessary facilities and personnel are going to be available, and where appropriate negotiate the contract with the venue to cover this. Where possible refer to or use contracts from previous or similar events to help ensure that all eventualities are covered.

4.2.2. Make early and regular contact with the Technical Delegate assigned to your event.

4.2.3. Appoint Chief of Race for each race within the event.

4.2.4. Arrange and Chair the first organisation meeting. This should be attended by the Chief of Championships, the Secretary and the Chiefs of Race. The TD should also be invited but is not required to attend. Ideally this meeting should be held at the race venue, where the facilities can be inspected and any problems discussed with the venue management.

4.2.5. The points to be covered at pre-race organisation meetings are:

- Format and Programme for the event.
- Content, distribution and publication of Race Invitations and Bulletins.
- Who is arranging/inviting the race officials.
- Date and location for the acceptance meeting, and notify the TD if not present.
- Trophies, prizes and any sponsorship.
- Confirm availability of photocopying for results.
- Prize-giving venue (whether a marquee or indoor space is required).
- Officials refreshments.
- Accommodation for race officials, racers and families.

4.2.6. When building the officials team for the event, the Chief of Championships may invite those who tend to cover the whole event (Chief of Calcs, Commentator, Chief of Ceremonies, Race Office and bib distribution staff, and course setters), and the Chiefs of Race invite all others. Alternatively the Chief of Championships may invite a 'team' of people to attend the event and in conjunction with the Chiefs of Race allocate those people to officials roles for each race.

4.2.7. Liaise with sponsors and oversee PR.

4.2.8. Chair the acceptance meeting.

4.2.9. Oversee production and distribution of Race Bulletins and acceptance lists.

4.3. During The Event

4.3.1. Chair all team managers meetings.

4.3.2. Ensure sponsors/VIPs are catered for.

4.3.3. Resolve any organisational problems that occur during the event.

4.3.4. Together with the Chief of Ceremonies prepare for prize giving.

4.3.5. Open prize giving and offer thanks to sponsors, volunteers racers etc.

4.3.6. Post Event Duties

4.3.7. Oversee distribution of results.

4.3.8. Arrange payment of outstanding bills.

4.3.9. Liaise with Secretary to complete championship accounts.

4.3.10. Write report detailing successes/problems and send to the event organisers.

5. Race Secretary

5.1. Preparation

5.1.1. Check that you have access to all the paperwork you will need for your event.

5.2. Pre-Race Organisation of Entries

5.2.1. Receive entries on Official Race Entry Forms or through approved online race entry system by the designated closing date. Ensure that you have a copy of the relevant BARTS seed list, a list of current registrations, and any other material such as 'Race Secretaries Booklet' that may guide you in completion of your tasks.

5.2.2. Check all details are complete, including correct entry fee as specified on the Race Calendar, before submitting to the Jury as valid entries. Check all entrants against the current registration list and that the registration number is correct. Using the SKI program to enter racers as you receive them can help you check that details on the entry forms are correct.

5.2.3. Make a note of cheques and cash received.

5.2.4. Do not accept any telephone entries, but note any calls made relevant to the competition and report these to the Jury.

5.2.5. Refer any late entries to the Jury at the first Jury meeting.

5.2.6. Note any invalid entries, and report these to the Jury.

5.2.7. The Jury have discretion to accept late or incomplete entries, but not unregistered entrants (unless specifically allowed for in the regulations for the event), those outside the age limits or any seed point criteria specified for the event.

5.2.8. Provide a list of male and female entrants in seed point order for the Jury to consider.

5.2.9. If requested by an entrant to take into account seed points from an earlier BARTS Seed List or from the current BASS List, ask the National Seeder to provide the correct seed point.

5.2.10. If a racer's seed points shown on the published seed list would cause them to fall outside the cut-off criteria, seed points from recent race results may be taken into account at the racer's request, provided that the race is under-subscribed (or in the event of protest against non-acceptance into the event due to the failure to meet a seed-point cutoff). See BACR Book III "Regulations for Artificial Seeding".

5.3. Race Bulletin and Start List

5.3.1. Take the minutes of the first Jury meeting which is to consider the acceptance of entries and the preparation of Race Bulletin No. 1.

5.3.2. With the Chief of Race prepare Race Bulletin No 1. Remember that, in Club National Races, many entrants are new to the racing scene and do not know the Rules or the Procedures. Race Bulletins should always explain these as clearly as possible. Typical bulletins are available for download from gbski.com.

5.3.3. It is important to detail the seed point cut-off, where appropriate, for both the Male and Female races, and to give the names of all entrants who have not been accepted. Where incomplete entries (unsigned entry form, wrong fee etc.) have been provisionally accepted by the Jury, these should be indicated on the start list, and the action to be taken on race day to be detailed in the bulletin. The bulletin must include the name, address and telephone number of the Race Secretary and Chief of Race, the date/time by which protests against non-acceptance or start order must be received by the Secretary, and the time when protesters may telephone the Secretary to find out the Jury's decision.

5.3.4. The Bulletin must include a timetable for the event, including times for open practice, course setting and inspection, and times for each run. The timetable should be prepared in consultation with the Chief of Race, taking particular account of the likely number of entrants.

5.3.5. Prepare the Start List in the following order: -

- Female competitors in descending order of Seed Points, highest first, but no one with seed points more than the published cut-off. The top 15 competitors (or fewer, if fewer than 15 entrants or if so instructed by the TD) are drawn for start order and will race last.
- Male competitors using same method as Female.

5.3.6. For an event with no seed point cut-off, competitors with no seed points are drawn for start order and placed first on the start list to race before those with seed points (or last on the start list for indoor snow events). This includes unregistered racers, who are drawn in the same group as unseeded registered racers.

5.3.7. The first competitor wears the highest bib number; the last competitor wears bib number 1. Male and Female competitors should have different sets of bibs so that the last competitor in each group wears bib number 1.

5.3.8. Where a separate U10/U12 race is being run in conjunction with the 'seeded' race, the U10/U12s will precede the seeded race on each run, girls before boys, and each group is drawn for start order. The first competitor wears the highest bib number, preferably using a separate series of bibs. It is accepted that it may not be possible to have 3 or 4 different sets of bibs, in which case the U10/U12s should wear the highest numbers with a significant number gap left before the next set of competitors.

5.3.9. If the event is under-subscribed and late entries are to be accepted, the Jury may decide to delay the preparation of the start list until nearer the event, so that late entrants can be included in the draw. In this case, the Bulletin should include an acceptance list, rather than start list and should state when and where the start lists will be issued. If the draw is to be held in public, the Bulletin should also state when and where it will be held. Regardless of when the draw takes place, late entries accepted after the draw must be placed at the beginning (for outdoor races) or end (for indoor races) of the start lists in the order they are received.

5.4. Distributing Race Bulletin and Start/Acceptance List

5.4.1. Ensure that all Race Bulletins, Acceptance and Start lists are published on GBSKI.com. Refer to the online guide at https://gbski.com/docpub for information on how to post documents for your competition.

5.5. Late Entries and Protests

5.5.1. If the Jury has decided to accept late entries, receive these up to 7.00pm on the Wednesday before the race (or by the date published on Bulletin No. 1). The eligibility criteria for late entries are the same as for entries received by the closing date. Note the date of receipt of all late entries.

5.5.2. Receive telephoned and written protests against non-acceptance and present all the information to the Jury at the second Jury meeting for their consideration. Do not express any opinion to the protester regarding the protest, but do ask for specific information if you consider that it will help the Jury in their consideration of the protest. If appropriate, consult the National Seeder before

the Jury meeting for information on recent results, confirmation of Seed Points etc.

5.5.3. Take the minutes of the second Jury meeting and be available at the nominated time to report the Jury's decisions to protesters when they telephone. Do not get involved in discussion with the protester concerning the protest, merely report the Jury's decision. At all times before the race, you are the representative for the race organisation, and should discourage any competitors from contacting Jury members direct.

5.5.4. Prepare the final start list to include all late entries accepted at the second Jury meeting. Send a copy to the Chief of Calculations.

5.5.5. If the Jury decides to accept any late entries after the Start List has been produced, add these at the beginning (for outdoor races) or end (for indoor races) of all relevant lists in the order in which they are received. Do not re-allocate bibs for those already on the start list.

5.6. Pre-Race Documentation

5.6.1. Prepare a list of Race Officials in consultation with the Chief of Race. Using the standard "Race Officials Duty Allocation" form can help speed this up.

5.6.2. Ensure an adequate supply of clip boards, pencils and plastic covering (in case of rain) for all Officials and sufficient Gate Judges to cover the course (check with your Chief of Race if you're not sure how many).

5.6.3. Prepare clip boards with paperwork as follows:-

- Start Referee
  4 control sheets, final start list, timetable, list of officials, protest form
- Start Marshall
  Final start list, bulletin
- Finish Referee
  4 control sheets, final start list, timetable, list of officials, protest form
- Chief Gate Judge
  Final start list, timetable, list of officials, gate judges' briefing sheet, 6 spare gate judge control sheets
- Gate Judge
  6 control sheets, final start list, timetable, gate judges' briefing sheet
- Referee
  Final start list (A4), all timetables, 8 copies of Referee's Report, Carbon Paper, protest form
- Chief of Race
  Final start list (A4), all timetables, protest form
- Technical Delegate
  Final start list, timetable, list of officials, protest form
- Chief of Calculations
  Final start list (A4), all timetables, list of officials, Provisional winners list and details of all awards to be made
- Chief of Timing
  Final start list (A4) with space to enter 1st & 2nd run times
- Manual hand timing timekeepers
  Final start list (A4) with ample space to enter elapsed times (lists produced by race program SKI are ideal). Timekeepers may not need to write out the times if using electronic timers with integral printers
- Commentator
  Final start list (A4), all timetables including up-to-date timetable, Competition and sponsors' information

5.6.4. For events with a separate U10/U12s race, prepare 2 additional control sheets for Start Referee, Finish Referee, Chief Gate Judge, all Gate Judges and

Referee. For events over three runs, the appropriate extra number of control sheets should also be included.

5.6.5. The principle is that each run of the Men, Women, Boys and Girls should all be on separate sheets unless agreed otherwise by the Jury. The number of sheets may be reduced if, for example, there are only a small number of U10/U12s and their bib numbers do not overlap.

5.6.6. Prepare and photocopy commentator's sheets, which are to be completed by competitors before collecting their race bib. You may wish to send these sheets out with the Race Timetable to speed bib collection on the day. Be warned. Have plenty of spares for the day, as many forget to bring them back, and also have plenty of pens and pencils for completion of sheets on the day.

5.6.7. Prepare the following for display on the Official Notice Board, which should be near to the Race Office, but away from where bibs are to be issued:-

- Final start list
- Race timetable number 1 (and others if relevant) to include minutes of all Pre-Race Jury meetings
- List of all Officials
- Any other information specific to the event

5.6.8. Ensure that a large board is available for display of Provisional Times and fill in names and start numbers in first run order.

5.7. Other Pre-Race Duties

5.7.1. Check that race bibs are available and that the sets are complete and in order. Check that there are 4 separate Forerunner bibs. Where possible, separate sets of bibs should be used for the male race, female race and, where relevant, children's races.

5.7.2. Check that arm bands, hi-vis vests,, badges or other means of identification for all Officials are available for distribution with clip boards at the Officials' meeting on race day or for collection from the race office.

5.7.3. If arrangements for officials catering require 'tickets' or similar for lunch or refreshments, ensure these are prepared beforehand and distributed to all officials along with their clip boards.

5.8. Race Day

5.8.1. Pin up notices on Official Notice Board.

5.8.2. Open Race Office 30 minutes before the practice session starts.

5.8.3. Check that all Race Officials are present - if not, inform the Chief of Race.

5.8.4. Arrange distribution of bibs in exchange for completed commentator's sheets. Ensure that any outstanding problems over race entries (e.g. unsigned cheques or entry forms) are resolved before handing over bibs. Ask for production of start licence if in doubt over any registration.

5.8.5. Collect together all completed commentators sheets and take / send to timing hut.

5.8.6. Distribute Officials' clip boards and armbands or badges.

5.8.7. Receive any message or inquiries from competitors, officials or spectators and deal with these via the commentator, if appropriate.

5.8.8. It is essential that the Race Office is staffed at all times during the day. This is because the Race Office is the only point where competitors can reach any Official. It is necessary, therefore, to have two other Officials assisting - perhaps including the Chief of Ceremonial. For any events where printed results are distributed on the day, it will be necessary to have additional assistance.

5.8.9. Make a note of any competitors not collecting their bib and inform the Chief of Race, Start Marshall and Commentator of these and any other known non-starters.

5.8.10. Ensure that you, or the Assistant Race Secretary, are available in the Race Office to receive any protests during the 15 minutes period allowed after posting of the Referee's Report. Protests must be in writing and accompanied by

the current protest fee. Ensure that any protests received within the time allowed are passed immediately to the Jury, and that, if no protests are received, the Jury is advised accordingly. Any protest received after the time allowed should not be accepted. If the protester does not accept that the time allowed has expired, make a note of the time and take the protest to the Jury immediately and report what time the protest was received.

5.8.11. Attend any Jury meeting to consider protests and take minutes. The Jury will advise you whether to return the protest fee or not. Ensure that the Chief of Calculations is advised of the result of all protests, in order that the second run start list can be amended, if necessary. Ensure that the minutes of the meeting are posted on the Official Notice Board.

5.9. Preparing for final run

5.9.1. Prepare copies of the final run start list in co-operation with the Chief of Calculations.

5.9.2. Post final run start list as soon as possible:-

- on the official notice board
- alongside provisional times board
- at the start

5.9.3. Distribute final run start lists to:-

- Chief of Race
- Technical Delegate
- Referee
- Start Referee
- Finish Referee
- Commentator
- Chief of Calculations
- Chief of Timing
- Manual Hand Time Keepers
- Start Marshall
- Chief Gate Judge - with and (if available) copies for all Gate Judges

5.9.4. After each run, arrange for receipt of protests attend any Jury meetings as in 5.8.11.

5.10. Completing the race

5.10.1. Check arrangements for prize giving and inform commentator about time and venue, if different from information in the Bulletin.

5.10.2. Collect ALL race control sheets, Referee's Reports, minutes and any trophies or medals not awarded.

5.10.3. Ensure that the Chief of Calculations gives you a full set of the final results and penalty calculation, signed by the TD. Give a copy to the TD and the National Seeder (if present) and keep the originals. Unless all the competitors have left the venue, post one copy of the final results on the Official Notice Board.

5.10.4. Check that all sets of bibs are complete and note any missing numbers for a letter to the offenders.

5.10.5. Collect all Officials' clip boards, hi-vis vests and armbands.

5.10.6. Remove notices from Official Notice Board and arrange for any other race publicity to be removed.

5.10.7. Ensure that arrangements for the return of any borrowed equipment (e.g. armbands, boards, bibs) are carried out effectively, and that any equipment problems are reported.

5.11. Post Race Results

5.11.1. Ensure that your TD has all the required results and Ski Pro data as they are responsible for emailing these for seeding and publication.

5.11.2. If the event was sponsored, send the sponsor a copy of the results and any press cuttings following the event.

5.11.3. Keep all race documentation (including copies of any originals sent off as per **Error! Reference source not found.**) together for 3 months after publication of the official results. Such documentation may be destroyed after 3 months.

5.12. Post-Race Follow-Up

5.12.1. For competitions where you are financially accountable to the organiser:-

- Pay any outstanding bills or expenses.
- Pay all entry fees and any surplus from the float into the Snowsport England account.
- Complete the Statement of Income and Expenditure and forward to the organising body, retaining a copy for the ROC.

5.12.2. For Competitions where you are accountable to your own Club:-

- Pay any outstanding bills or expenses.
- Pay all race entry fees into an account agreed with your Club/Regional Treasurer.

5.12.3. Comply with any particular requirements of the organiser, such as prompt notification of 'day registrations' or other particular requirements.

5.12.4. Write letters of thanks to all Officials, sponsors etc. in consultation with the Chief of Race.

5.12.5. Pass Technical Delegate's report to the Chief of Race for post race meeting or circulation to Jury members.

5.12.6. Make a note of anything that went wrong, or you forgot, so that, when you do the job again or advise your successor, your comments can help the next race to run more smoothly.

6. Chief of Race

6.1. Pre-Race Organisation

6.1.1. As a voting member of the Jury it is essential that the Chief of Race have a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the ICR and relevant British rules and all the duties and procedures of the Jury.

6.1.2. Invite officials with relevant experience to fill the required roles. Ensure that all Jury members are Registered Race Officials. Obtain approval of your proposed appointment of the Referee from your assigned Technical Delegate.

6.1.3. Ensure that the Race Secretary has received all relevant documentation from the office or organisers, including the name of the Technical Delegate allocated to the event.

6.1.4. Decide on dates and times for a Pre-Race Officials meeting and the two Jury meetings before the race, in liaison with the Technical Delegate. Confirm these in writing to the Jury and Technical Delegate.

6.1.5. Send letters to Officials inviting them to attend the Pre-Race Officials meeting.

6.1.6. Invite 3 Forerunners with the ability to ski the course in a racing manner (ICR 605.3), of the same standard as the competitors, and of the same age group (or older).

6.1.7. Be prepared for Dope Testing, and nominate someone to be responsible for co-ordinating the testing, if the Sports Council Dope Test Team appears on the day.

6.1.8. Identify the 'Event Medical Director'. This role can be undertaken either by yourself or by a separate specified person. The Event Medical Director must then prepare the 'Event Medical Assessment Form' detailing the medical service

provision for your event, in consultation with the Technical Delegate if necessary. If you have a copy of the EMA form from the previous event held at your slope, this is a useful place to start as the changes between successive events tend to be few. Copies of the form and a completed example are available for download from gbski.com.

6.2. Race Bulletin And Start List

6.2.1. Chair the first Jury meeting in the absence of the Technical Delegate to consider acceptance of entries and preparation of the Race Bulletin.

6.2.2. Late entries are not normally accepted, unless the race is under-subscribed. Entries received on or before the closing date should normally be accepted as valid entries. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted as valid entries (they will thus be considered as late entries). In case of doubt, the onus is on the entrant to prove that the entry was posted in good time.

6.2.3. Entries should be made on official race entry forms or through an approved online entry system. In order to be valid, entries should contain ALL requested information and the appropriate entry fee.

6.2.4. Entries should be accepted and start lists prepared in line with the Regulations for the event and Notes for Organisers of Races. If the race is significantly under-subscribed, you may decide to publish an acceptance list at this stage and delay preparation of the start list until nearer race day. This will allow entries received after the closing date, but before the preparation of the start list, to be included in the draw in seed point order. Any entries accepted after the draw has taken place should be placed as a separate group on the start list (in the order they are received) with the highest bib numbers and before those already allocated bib numbers. Do not reallocate bibs once the start list has been published.

6.2.5. Ensure that the Race Secretary prepares the Race Bulletin and Start List in accordance with the Jury's instructions.

6.2.6. Chair second Jury meeting in the absence of the Technical Delegate to consider protests over non-acceptance of entry or start order.

6.2.7. The Race Secretary informs any competitors protesting against the Jury's decision. The Jury's decision on protests should be recorded and the minutes posted on the Official Notice Board on the day of the competition.

6.3. Other Duties

6.3.1. In consultation with the Race Secretary, check arrangements with the slope, HNGB or other bodies for:

- Electronic timing and provision for timing officials
- Race Office and Jury Room
- Facilities for Dope Testing
- Sufficient Flex slalom poles in good condition
- Medical facilities and attendance by Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Brigade or equivalent. Confirm in writing, and agree an acceptable fee.
- Use of uplift, including closure if requested by Jury
- Arrangements for practice sessions before the race
- Catering (see 6.3.7 and 6.3.8)
- Requirements made by slope management
- Radios (see 6.3.2)
- Availability of misting system for continuous operation during the race
- Facilities for sponsor's publicity and prize giving
- Public address with commentator's position adjacent to timing officials

6.3.2. You are required to have sufficient radios available for all Jury members, Start & Finish Referees and the timing hut (i.e. 6 radios). It is also desirable to

include Chief Gate Judge and Race Secretary / Race Office. An ear-piece must be used with all radios.

6.3.3. If the Starter and Chief of Timing have to communicate by radio, rather than by direct connection, their radios MUST be on a different channel from any other function of the organising committee, and must use an ear-piece at the start to avoid distracting racers in the start area.

6.3.4. It is required that the Start Referee use an ear-piece on their radio, both for privacy and to avoid distracting racers in the start area.

6.3.5. It is highly recommended that communication between starter and timing is direct, continuous or "open channel".

6.3.6. Check the state of the matting (on dry slope) or snow (on indoor snow slope) some weeks before race day. Report to Technical Delegate if not satisfied.

6.3.7. Confirm catering arrangements for officials' lunch - i.e. where this will be served and the number of lunches required.

6.3.8. Confirm arrangements with Chief Gate Judge for Gate Judges' comforts. Ensure that non-alcoholic drinks will be available. In cold or wet weather, hot drinks will be very much appreciated. In hot weather, a generous supply of cold drinks will be needed.

6.3.9. Maintain regular contact with the sponsor. Send copies of pre-race publicity, newspaper cuttings and race bulletin. Find out if they wish to be present at the race and to present the trophies. Encourage their participation, but do not allow them to disrupt the smooth running of the race in compliance with FIS and other appropriate competition rules.

6.3.10. Maintain regular contact with the Technical Delegate, keeping them informed of progress of entries, any issues that have arisen, any potential problems that might arise, and so on.

6.4. Race Day

6.4.1. The Chief of Race has the overall responsibility for controlling the officials and ensuring that the race runs to schedule. Maintain the pressure throughout the day to ensure that no time is wasted.

6.4.2. Give the Commentator a timetable of the day to cover open practice, course setting and inspection, start of run. Ask the Commentator to take the lead in ensuring that, subject to Jury approval of the course, these keep to time. Update the timetable as necessary for the final run.

6.4.3. Ensure that at least one of your official’s team is present on the slope to oversee and manage open practice, and that First Aid cover is also in place during this time.

6.4.4. Chair Pre-Race Officials meeting.

6.4.5. Check with Race Secretary that the slope arrangements, any sponsor's arrangements and equipment are satisfactory.

6.5. For All Runs

6.5.1. Observe the standard of competitors during practice, their general conduct and clothing.

6.5.2. Check that the Course Setter has all necessary equipment for the race.

6.5.3. Arrange with the Chief of Course about spare poles, safety equipment and construction of start and finish areas. Ensure that there is an adequate run-out.

6.5.4. Position First Aid team halfway up/down slope for easiest access to all points on the course.

6.5.5. Consult with the Chief Gate Judge to see that there are sufficient Gate Judges.

6.5.6. Check that the start gate is erected in good time and conforms to ICR 611.2, and that the starter understands the starting instructions (ICR 805.3 for Slalom).

6.5.7. Note the position of the wand - particularly if there are very small competitors in the competition.

6.5.8. Discuss arrangements for controlling competitors with the Start Marshall and stress the rule about Managers in the Start Area (ICR 613.1), and allowing access to the competition area only to those bearing the correct accreditation.

6.5.9. Check that the finish area is correctly organised and conforms to ICR 615.1 and 615.2.

6.5.10. Ensure that all Jury members are ready at the top of the slope to inspect the course, and that the Forerunners are available to ski the course, when requested by the Jury. The tow should be reserved solely for Forerunners during Jury inspection.

6.5.11. Ensure that the competitors inspect the course on skis. They may be accompanied by their Coach/Manager, with or without skis (subject to local restrictions).

6.6. Preparing to Start

6.6.1. Ensure that the Forerunners are at the top of the slope and know their order. Three Forerunners are required before the start of the race, and one between the Women and Men. Course closers are not allowed. For an event with a U10/U12s Race as well as a seeded race, one Forerunner is required between the end of the U10/U12s Race and main race. Additional Forerunners are not allowed.

6.6.2. Check that all Officials are in place, and that the Chief of Timing is ready.

6.6.3. Check that the course is clear.

6.6.4. Check with the TD that they are happy that you start the event.

6.6.5. Inform the TD that that the forerunners are about to be sent down, and check that they are happy that you start the event.

6.7. First Run

6.7.1. Ask the Start Referee to send down the Forerunners. Clearance should be sought from the Timing Hut to send each forerunner, so that, in the event of a snag, a forerunner is immediately available after the problem is sorted.

6.7.2. Check with the Finish Referee on the Forerunners' report and with the Timing personnel that they are ready for the first competitor, and that the timing is working satisfactorily.

6.7.3. Inform the TD that the race is about to start and maintain contact with them throughout.

6.7.4. Ask the Start Referee to send down the first competitor.

6.7.5. Observe the start of the first run from the bottom of the slope, so that you can easily stay in contact with the Timing, Finish Referee and Commentator.

6.7.6. Move around the slope and check that each Official (including Gate Judges) has everything needed to perform effectively, but ensure that at all times the whole course can be observed by at least one Jury member.

6.7.7. When the last competitor from each race has completed the first run, check with the Start and Finish Referees that there are no provisional reruns still to be made and that all competitors have a valid time (main or manual hand timing).

6.7.8. Participate in the Jury meeting if one is convened by the TD. Ensure that all necessary witnesses, officials and competitors are at hand so that matters can be resolved as quickly as possible.

6.7.9. Ensure that the Race Secretary records the outcome of each protest or Jury decision and posts a copy on the Official Notice Board.

6.7.10. Ensure that the Chief of Calculations and Race Secretary have all the necessary information for preparing the second run start list. They will require a copy of the Referee’s Protocol and the Jury's decisions.

6.8. 3-run Events

6.8.1. For a Club National or other event taking place over three runs,

6.8.2. When the Chief of Timing is ready to commence the second run, ask the Start Referee to send down one forerunner to open the second run, followed by the competitors in first run start order.

6.8.3. Convene a second jury meeting, if necessary, to consider matters arising during the second run.

6.8.4. The Referee's Reports for the first run should be posted as early as possible. Regardless of when they are posted, the formal publication time (and hence the protest deadline) for the Reports for both first and second runs must be the same.

6.8.5. Any Jury meeting needed to discuss protests for the first and second runs should take place after the completion of the second run.

6.9. The Final Run

6.9.1. Check that the Course Setter has started to set the second course (unless the same course is to be used for each run, as is the case in Club National events).

6.9.2. Arrange with Race Secretary for the Jury to have their lunch during the 15 minutes allowed for protests.

6.9.3. Reconvene the Jury to discuss protests. Technical Delegate chairs the Jury meeting. The Chief of Race should ensure that all necessary witnesses, officials and competitors are at hand so that matters can be resolved as quickly as possible. If video evidence is offered, it is the competitor's responsibility to provide the necessary playback equipment.

6.9.4. Ensure that the Race Secretary records the outcome of each protest and posts this on the Official Notice Board. All Jury members must sign the minutes of the Jury meeting recording how they have voted.

6.9.5. Ensure that the Chief of Calculations and Race Secretary have all the necessary information for preparing the final run start list (or list of prize winners after the final run). They need a copy of the Referee's Report, the start number of any protesters and the outcome of the protests.

6.9.6. Ensure that the Jury go immediately to inspect the second course. If the second course has been set quickly, it is sometimes possible for the Jury to inspect during the time allowed for protests (instead of lunch!).

6.9.7. Check that the final run start list has been posted, that all Officials are in place and the timing is ready.

6.9.8. Ensure that the Forerunners are ready at the start, and repeat procedures 6.5.10 to 6.7.8 for the final run.

6.10. Finishing the race

6.10.1. Check that the Chief of Ceremonial has extracted all the necessary information on the prize-winners.

6.10.2. Check sponsors, medals, podium etc., are all in places for the prize giving. The TD gives approval for the prize-giving to start, once satisfied with the accuracy of the results.

6.10.3. Ensure that the following are thanked: -

- Any Sponsors
- Race Officials
- Organising Body (Region, Club)
- Slope Management

6.10.4. Ensure that prizes are awarded in the correct order as listed in the Regulations. Ensure that each winner's club is named.

6.10.5. Check that all equipment has been removed and returned to the appropriate bodies and that the Race Secretary has all the Race Control Sheets and Computer Print-outs.

6.10.6. Thank the slope management in person.

6.11. Post Race Duties

6.11.1. Check with Race Secretary that all paperwork and results have been despatched to their appropriate locations.

6.11.2. Write letters of thanks to all Race Officials.

6.11.3. Check final accounts with the Race Secretary.

6.11.4. Remember, it may be useful to keep your final accounts and race documentation for future Chiefs of Race to look at.

7. Technical Delegate

7.1. Role And Responsibilities

7.1.1. The Technical Delegate acts as Technical Consultant and Chairman of the Jury and is appointed the GBR TD Forum on behalf of GB Snowsport. One of the TD's prime concerns is the safety of the competitors and to advise the Organisers on compliance with FIS rules, as modified by GB Snowsport and on decisions and questions not covered by the rules. The TD must submit a report on the competition to the Governing Body and to the Organising Committee.

7.1.2. GB Snowsport has a Technical Delegates Forum. In all cases the Technical Delegate Forum acts as a sub-committee for the GB Snowsport's Alpine Committee and reports to them on matters relating to the technical and administrative conduct of competitions organised by or on behalf of the Governing Body.

7.2. Duties

7.2.1. The TD will not be required to study this manual, as the TD will be fully experienced in all technical and administrative aspects of organising, preparing and running an event (including those duties listed in ICR 601.4.9).

7.2.2. However it is very important that all Race Officials are fully aware of the authority and scope of the TD and be prepared to meet the TD's requirements, which is why this section is included.

7.3. Before Race Day

7.3.1. Advises the organising committee as required on the technical and administrative preparations for the race.

7.3.2. Confirms the liability insurance for events not organised directly by a HNGB.

7.3.3. Reads the TD reports about previous events at the site and checks whether any recommendations have been carried out.

7.3.4. Checks the acceptance and start lists.

7.4. Before The Race

7.4.1. Inspects the competition course.

7.4.2. Collaborates with and assists the organisers as necessary in the administrative and technical preparations for the race.

7.4.3. Attends all meetings of the Team Managers and Race Officials, and chairs Jury meetings.

7.4.4. If necessary, appoints members to the Jury.

7.4.5. Confirms the suitability of the first aid arrangements.

7.4.6. Checks over the race course with regard to security, preparation, marking, crowd control, as well as layout of the start and finish areas.

7.4.7. Supervises the course setting together with the Jury.

7.4.8. Checks on all technical installations, such as timekeeping, hand timing, communications.

7.5. During The Race

7.5.1. Must be present in the course area during the race.

7.5.2. Works closely with the Jury, the team managers and the coaches.

7.5.3. Observes that the valid rules and directives are obeyed in regard to advertising, on clothing and race equipment.

7.5.4. Supervises the technical and organisational conduct of the event.

7.5.5. Advises the organisers concerning the observance of the relevant rules and directives.

7.6. After The Race

7.6.1. Helps with the compilation of the Referee's report.

7.6.2. Presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision.

7.6.3. Calculates the race and penalty points, or checks the accuracy of the computer calculation.

7.6.4. Signs the official results and gives authorisation for the prize-giving ceremony.

7.6.5. Fills out the TD report including any supplementary reports.

7.6.6. Within three days after the event ensures that the final version of the TD report is posted.

7.6.7. Ensures that all official results and Ski Pro data is submitted to the online system within the required time.

7.6.8. Presents to TD Forum any applicable proposals for changes in the competition rules on the basis of practical experience at the event in question.

7.7. In General

7.7.1. Chairs all meetings of the Jury and, in case of a tied vote, has a second casting vote.

7.7.2. Decides on questions which are not covered or are insufficiently covered by the FIS, British or other rules as appropriate, in so far as these have not already been decided by the Jury and do not fall within the scope of other authorities.

7.7.3. Is responsible for the training of Technical Delegate candidates assigned for any competition.

7.8. Rights Of The Technical Delegate

7.8.1. To propose to the Jury the exclusion of competitors from participation in the race.

7.8.2. To claim reimbursement of travel and other expenses arising out of their duties.

7.8.3. To obtain support from the Organising committee and all officials under its jurisdiction in all matters necessary to the fulfilment of their duties.

8. Referee and Assistant Referee

8.1. Duties

8.1.1. The duties of these two officials are very similar. The Referee and the Assistant Referee are the Competitors' representatives on the Jury. They must have a thorough knowledge of the ICR/BCR and should not be members of the organising body.

8.1.2. The Referee and the Assistant Referee are appointed by the TD but may be proposed by the Organising Committee in advance.

8.1.3. The Referee and the Assistant Referee must work very closely with the TD. The Assistant Referee can deputise for the Referee if necessary.

8.1.4. The Referee and Assistant Referee being voting members of the Jury must have a comprehensive knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the Jury.

8.2. Pre-Race Organisation

8.2.1. Attend (if appointed in advance) first and second Jury meetings to consider acceptance, start order and protests over non-acceptance.

8.3. Race Day

8.3.1. Attend any Jury meetings or Team Managers' meetings arranged before the race.

8.3.2. Observe the general conduct of competitors during practice. Check that all competitors are wearing gloves, long sleeves and long trousers and that their clothing and equipment complies with the FIS advertising and competition equipment regulations.

8.3.3. Attend the Jury inspection of the course, checking especially the following: -

- Start Area and Start Gate prepared in accordance with ICR 613.1 and 611.2
- All gates meet the width and distance criteria for the discipline
- All poles are in good condition with caps fitted and with no broken tops, extend at least 1.8m above the surface, and are firmly secured at the base.
- All pole positions are clearly marked on the matting (after Jury inspection but before inspection by competitors)
- The gates are in the right colour order and correctly numbered on the non-turning pole
- The last gate is not too close to the finish, and it directs competitors towards the middle third of the finish line
- Obstacles at the edge of the course are removed or shielded
- Matting is safe with no protrusions on or near the course
- Spare poles are available at the side of the course
- Finish Area and Finish Line prepared in accordance with ICR 615.1 and 615.2
- The course is suitable for the standard of the event.

8.3.4. It is important to ensure that there is a safe and adequate route for competitors who have been obstructed or who have clearly missed a gate to ski to the bottom of the slope without crossing the Finish Line.

8.3.5. Observe competitors during course inspection and check that: -

8.3.6. All competitors inspect the course wearing skis (or correctly leashed snowblades) and such protective equipment as specified in section 881.1, and as instructed.

8.3.7. Trainers/Managers may accompany competitors wearing skis, or without skis subject to local slope restrictions.

8.3.8. All competitors carry their bibs (ICR 804.1).

8.3.9. No competitors ski through any gates or shadow the course (ICR 804.1).

8.4. During The Race

8.4.1. Patrol the whole course throughout the race.

8.4.2. Receive any requests for provisional reruns and consult with the other Jury members to decide whether or not to grant, noting down all information relevant to the incident (gate number, gate judge, witnesses, etc).

8.4.3. At the end of the first run, receive and process information from the Control Sheets of the Start and Finish Referees.

8.4.4. Receive and process information from the Chief Gate Judge's control sheets. In preparing the Referee's Report, time can be saved if this is done in conjunction with the Chief Gate Judge, using the list of DNFs to avoid processing disqualifications of competitors who did not finish.

8.4.5. It is acceptable for the Referee to process the sheets from the Female race while the Male race is taking place. The Referee's Report for the Female race may be posted on completion, but the period for receiving protests must not start until the Report for the Male race is published.

8.4.6. Ensure that the Chief Gate Judge has informed all Gate Judges who have disqualified competitors at their gates that they must be available to be called to a Jury meeting in case of a protest over disqualification.

8.4.7. Complete and sign the Referee's Reports for the first run, noting the time of posting on the Official Notice Board.

8.4.8. Inform the Race Secretary that the Referee's Report has been posted. Ensure that a copy is provided for the Chief of Calculations.

8.4.9. Ensure that the Commentator announces immediately that the Referee's Report has been posted, the names and bib numbers of all disqualified competitors,

that ALL competitors should inspect the Referee's Report and have 15 minutes to submit written protests with protest fee.

8.4.10. Attend Jury meeting to consider protests over disqualification (See section 12.2 on Jury Procedures).

8.4.11. Attend second run course inspection immediately after the Jury meeting ends, if this has not been done during the 15 minute wait after the Referee's Report was posted (does not apply to events which use the same course for all runs).

8.4.12. Repeat procedures 8.4.3 to 8.4.10 for second run.

9. Start Referee

9.1. Pre-Race Organisation

9.1.1. Attend Race Officials meeting if feasible.

9.1.2. The Start and Finish Referees are not members of the Jury, but for training purposes they may attend Jury meetings as observers but must respect the confidentiality of Jury discussions both during and after the race.

9.2. Race Day

9.2.1. Attend any Jury (if invited), Officials or Team Managers' meeting prior to the race.

9.2.2. Although the Start Referee may attend the Jury Course inspection, this is not necessary and the Start Referee must in any case be in position to check the start and control competitors waiting to inspect the course (if inspection is from top to bottom), releasing them when the Jury have approved the course.

9.2.3. Check the start area and start gate for compliance with ICR 613.1 and 613.2.

9.2.3.1 The Start Gate must consist of 2 posts about 60cm apart, projecting not more than 50cm above the surface.

9.2.3.2 The start wand must be placed in such a way that starting is impossible without it opening.

9.2.3.3 The Start Area must be closed off to everyone except the starting competitor, accompanied by only one trainer and the Start Officials.

9.2.3.4 A designated marshalling area must be provided for waiting competitors, trainers, and team managers. The marshalling area, which should be fenced off, must provide easy access on skis and foot into the start area.

9.2.3.5 The start shall be prepared in such a way that the competitors can stand relaxed on the starting line and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start. This can be achieved by ensuring the start area is level. If inclement weather is expected, a hut or tent should protect the start if possible.

9.2.4. Check with the Starter and Chief of Timing that the timing mechanism is in order. Ensure a "reasonable" position for the start wand (at about mid lower leg height), bearing in mind the height of the smallest competitors.

9.2.5. Check that the forerunners are in position with correct bibs at the end of course inspection, and that the Start Marshall has assembled the first 15 competitors. Send each forerunner only when instructed. This ensures that timing snags can be resolved and that a forerunner is immediately available.

9.2.6. For an event with U10/U12s/Bairns as well as seeded males/females, the start order is: 3 forerunners, girls, boys, 1 forerunner, females, 1 forerunner, males. There is no course closer.

9.2.7. For other races, the start order is: 3 forerunners, females, 1 forerunner, males.

9.2.8. Check that the starting procedure is satisfactory when the Forerunners go down.

9.2.9. Ensure that the Starter awaits instruction from the Chief of Race to send down the first competitor.

9.2.10. Check that the start procedure complies with ICR 613.3.

9.2.11. Check that the start signals are accurate and consistent for each competitor (ICR 805.3 for Slalom).

9.2.12. As soon as the starter has received the order for the next start, they gives the competitor the warning "READY", and a few seconds later, the start signal "GO". The competitor must start within about 10 seconds after this order.

9.2.13. Starting before, or significantly more than ten seconds after the instruction "GO" is a sanctionable offence. Note any such offence on your control sheet.

9.2.14. Ensure a steady flow of competitors into the start gate, and that the course is clear for each competitor. A competitor who is not ready to start on time may be sanctioned. As a guide, competitors must be ready to enter the start gate as soon as the competitor before them has started. Advanced start times caused by the non-arrival of preceding competitors have to be taken into account. You may permit a delay, which, in your opinion, is due to "force majeure". (See ICR 613.6). In doubtful cases, allow the competitor a provisional start, inserted as soon as possible. Note such an occurrence on your sheet and inform the Jury immediately.

9.2.15. Competitors appearing late at the start without valid reason may be disallowed a start, or may be granted a provisional start. You should consult with the Jury before preventing a racer from starting.

9.2.16. Indicate on the control sheets, the bib number of each competitor who has a valid start, and the bib numbers and names of competitors who: -

- Were not allowed to start owing to their late appearance
- Were allowed to start in spite of their late appearance
- Were allowed to start provisionally
- Have made a false start or infringed the starting rules.
- Did not appear at the start
- Wore equipment infringing the rules.

9.2.17. The Start Referee is responsible for determining violations against ICR 627 (Not Permitted to Start) and for taking immediate action as provided in the rules. Ensure that you are familiar with the current clothing and equipment regulations.

9.2.18. Before the end of the run, the Chief of Race will contact the Start and Finish Referees to check that there are no provisional re-runs to be taken and that the Chief of Calculations has a valid time for all competitors.

9.2.19. Ensure that nobody skis the course after the last competitor in start list order. No course closer should be used.

9.2.20. Repeat from 9.2.8 to 9.2.18 for the Male competitors.

9.2.21. At the end of the first run, hand all control sheets to the Referee. In order to speed up the processing of the control sheets, the Referee may arrange for earlier collection of some sheets.

9.2.22. Make yourself available to the Jury if you have disallowed a start, granted any provisional starts or made any other reports on your control sheet

9.2.23. Repeat 9.2.5 to 9.2.22 for the second/final run. If time allows, the Jury may decide to allow competitors, who were disqualified or did not finish the first run, to ski the second course before the forerunners and the start of the second run. This is a privilege entirely at the discretion of the Jury. Although common practice at some artificial slope races, it is not adopted generally or at snow races. However, the competitors are no longer competing and may decide not to take their run.

10. Finish Referee

10.1. Pre-Race Organisation

10.1.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting if feasible.

10.1.2. The Start and Finish Referees are not members of the Jury, but for training purposes they may attend Jury meetings as observers but must respect the confidentiality of Jury discussions both during and after the race.

10.2. Race Day

10.2.1. Attend any Jury (if invited), Race Officials' or Team Managers' meeting prior to the race.

10.2.2. Check the Finish Area for compliance with ICR 615.1

10.2.3. It is important that there is a safe and adequate exit for competitors not completing the course and that this is clearly indicated. However, it is usually impractical for the finish area to be completely fenced in.

10.2.4. Check the finish line and its markings for compliance with ICR 615.2.

10.2.5. The width of the slope may not be sufficient to allow a 10 metre finish and an adequate exit. In this situation, the width of the finish should be reduced as necessary to allow a separate exit.

10.2.6. During course inspection by competitors, ensure that no competitor disturbs the timing equipment.

10.2.7. At the end of course inspection by competitors, be ready to receive the Forerunners. Obtain a report on the course from each forerunner and pass their comments immediately to the Chief of Race. If all is in order this will allow the Chief of Race to instruct the Starter to send down the first competitor.

10.2.8. Mark off the correct arrival of each competitor by the method indicated on the Control Sheet.

10.2.9. Determine valid finishes in accordance with ICR 615.3.

10.2.10. Note down the number of any competitor where there may be an infringement of the rules, with brief details of the infringement.

10.2.11. Report to the Jury the details of any incident which occurs on the finish line.

10.2.12. Refer anyone requesting a re-run to a member of the Jury. Note the circumstances surrounding the request for a re-run (Gate number, gate judge, witnesses etc.) and report anything relevant to the Jury.

10.2.13. A competitor who is obstructed while racing must stop immediately after the incident took place and apply to any member of the Jury for a re-run. This claim can also be made by the team captain of the obstructed competitor. The competitor should make their way to the finish along the side of the piste. (ICR 623.1.1)

10.2.14. At the end of the first run, hand the completed information control sheet to the Referee.

10.2.15. Repeat procedure 10.2.6 to 10.2.14 for the second/final run.

10.2.16. The Finish Referee's duty is probably the most repetitive of all the officials' duties. For this reason, it is the most prone to loss of concentration. However, it is ambiguities over crossing of the finish line, which frequently cause confusion for Timing Personnel. At the same time, competitors (especially young or very enthusiastic ones) may lose concentration and make errors at the end of an otherwise good run. The Finish Referee therefore needs to be especially diligent.

11. Jury Duties

11.1. Composition Of The Jury

11.1.1. The Jury members in Slalom and Giant Slalom races are: -

- Technical Delegate
- Chief of Race
- Referee

11.1.2. By their appointment to the Jury, they become members of the Organising Committee.

11.1.3. The Governing Body appoints the Technical Delegate.

11.1.4. Subject to the approval of the HNGB or appropriate sub-committee, the Organising Association – Club, Region or HNGB as appropriate – appoints the Chief of Race.

11.1.5. All members of the Jury in all races under HNGB jurisdiction should be registered with the HNGB or equivalent body as a race official, performer or coach. The Technical Delegate must approve the appointment of Referee. In the case of Grand Prix or equivalent races, the Referee must not be from the organising region and, in the case of Club National or equivalent races, not from the organising club.

11.1.6. The Chief of Race and Race Secretary are subject to HNGB or appropriate sub-committee approval.

11.1.7. The Start and Finish Referees are not members of the Jury, but for training purposes they may attend Jury meetings as observers, but must respect the confidentiality of Jury discussions both during and after the race.

11.1.8. The Jury monitors the adherence to the rules, throughout the entire race.

11.2. Duties of the Jury - the draw

11.2.1. For races other than National Championships, the Jury is responsible for acceptance of entries, the classification of the competitors and the preparation of the start order.

11.2.2. The Jury should familiarise themselves with HNGB rules relating to registration, seeding and eligibility, also with the relevant FIS rules.

11.3. Duties of the Jury during the competition

11.3.1. CANCELLATION. The Jury has the right to cancel (ICR 601.4.6.2) a race, to interrupt (ICR 624) or terminate it (ICR 625), and to change the start intervals or to shorten the course.

11.3.2. PROTEST. The Jury examines and evaluates the evidence and takes the necessary decisions. Minutes must be taken of any decision made and signed by all members of the jury indicating how each jury member voted. The decision requires a majority of all voting members of the jury, not just of those present. In case of a tie, the TD's vote is decisive.

11.3.3. COURSE INSPECTION. The Referee must inspect the course immediately after it is set, normally accompanied by the other Jury members.

11.3.4. The Jury is authorised to disqualify competitors and to apply other sanctions to competitors and others in accordance with ICR 627-629. Particular attention should be paid to ICR 223.3.3 "A competitor shall only be disqualified if their mistake would result in an advantage for them with regard to the end result, unless the Rules state otherwise in an individual case."

11.3.5. Any Jury member has the right to interrupt a race.

11.3.6. Any Jury member may authorise a provisional re-run. This re-run will be valid only if it is subsequently confirmed by the Jury.

11.3.7. The Referee must work very closely with the Technical Delegate.

11.3.8. ICR 601.4.9.4 states that the TD has the right to decide on all questions not covered or insufficiently covered by the existing rules, but would generally do so by working with the Jury.

12. Conduct Of Jury Meetings Over Protests

12.1. Roles

12.1.1. Jury members should take into account the different interests in the competition, which they are seen to represent. These are the Organising Committee, the Governing Body, Racers, and the over-riding concern to ensure fairness to all registered competitors.

12.2. Procedures

12.2.1. The Chief of Race should ensure that a private office or space is available for Jury meetings over protests. Where a protest over a Gate Judge's disqualification is concerned, observe the following procedure: -

- Interview the Gate Judge concerned and assess whether the diagram accords with the verbal account.

- Interview the Gate Judge(s) responsible for the adjacent gates and any other Race Official who viewed the alleged incident.
- Interview the Competitor and Team Captain or trainer, and assess if and how the verbal account accords with the Gate Judge's diagram.
- Interview any witness provided by the competitor.
- View any film, photos or video produced by the competitor (ICR 646.2).
- Evaluate evidence and make a decision, which should be recorded on the Jury Minute form. In the case of an outcome resulting in a disqualification, the outcome should be recorded on the Referee's Report. A copy of the Jury Minute should be placed on the Official Notice Board.

12.2.2. Protests over provisional re-runs not accepted, timing, obstructions, incorrect clothing etc. should be considered in the same order - i.e. interview the official first, then the competitor and in all instances separately**.**

12.2.3. All Juniors and Children should be encouraged to be accompanied by a Team Manager or Parent. This is not only to ensure that they adequately present their case but also in order that the adult most closely identified with them understands the procedure.

12.2.4. It is also very important that the Jury is familiar with the rules about Gate Judges' disqualifications and that it concerns itself primarily with evaluating any "lack of doubt" in the mind of the Gate Judges and the accuracy of the record.

12.2.5. Every effort should be made to demonstrate that the Jury's function is to review the evidence, rather than to favour either party.

12.2.6. Protests should be dealt with as soon as the time for protests has elapsed (15 minutes after the publication of the Referee's Report) and first/second run protests should not be held over to the end of the second/final run except in the case of "force majeure". This is because the performance of other competitors may be affected by the performance of a competitor of ambiguous "status".

12.2.7. Second/final run course inspection should not normally start until all protests have been heard.

13. Chief of Calculations

13.1. Responsibilities

13.1.1. The chief of calculations is responsible for the co-ordination of timing and calculations officials at the start and finish. In slalom events, they will determine the interval between starts. The following officials are under their direction :-

- Starter
- Start marshall (assistant starter)
- Chief of timing (chief timekeeper)
- Manual Hand Timekeepers (assistant timekeepers)
- Provisional times recorder

13.1.2. The Chief of Calculations is responsible for the recording and calculation of times, and organises this in consultation with the Chief of Timing.

13.1.3. For all races on artificial slopes (other than parallel slalom and relay races), you are required to use one of the computer programs SKI or SkiPro for inputting times and processing the results. These programs are suitable for the 3 run format for Club National races. They will import all the required information for each competitor, and compute and produce the results in the required format including the race points and race penalty point.

13.1.4. You can download an evaluation copy of SkiPro, free of charge, from the Vola web site: www.vola.fr. This is a full working copy of the software, but it may require purchase of a security key to interface the program directly with some timing systems.

13.1.5. Before using this program at a competition, you should practise entering data and producing reports for a previous race so that, on race day, you feel comfortable with the operation of the program.

13.2. Pre-Race Organisation

13.2.1. Ensure that you have received a Start List and Race Bulletin from the Race Secretary in good time and that ALL updates are sent to you before race day.

13.2.2. Download the current BARTS seed list and check that it will be valid for the date of your race. If a new seed list becomes valid between the closing date for acceptance of entries and race day, acceptance and start order is to be based on the old list, but the race penalty calculation will be based on the new list. This means that you should use the new list for inputting data into the race program.

13.2.3. Enter all the details from the start list into the race program. If you use the seed list provided in Ski race file format, you will need only to enter the registration number for each entrant; the program will copy the remaining details. Check that the age categories match those for the event. Print off start lists and compare these in detail with the lists received from the Race Secretary. Resolve any discrepancies with the Race Secretary before Race Day.

13.3. Race Day

13.3.1. Attend any race officials' meeting.

13.3.2. Make sure the electronic manual hand timers are fully charged, operating correctly and are in the right operating mode.

13.3.3. Make contact with the Manual Hand Timekeepers and arrange a time and place for them to collect the manual hand timers from you. Brief them on how to operate the timers and record the times – See below. Ensure that they appreciate the importance of the manual hand timing. They should not worry if they miss the odd time, but they must notify the Start or Finish Referee immediately, if they believe that the timer has stopped or they have pressed the wrong button. Arrangements can then be made for the timers to be re-synchronised.

13.3.4. Arrange with the Chief of Timing for a position in the timing hut for yourself and the Commentator, and agree the methods to be employed. Normally, the Chief of Calculations operates the computer program, and the Chief of Timing operates the timing unit and records times on a start list.

13.3.5. The Chief of Timing will normally read off the time aloud from the timing display, but ensure that you read each competitors time yourself as it appears on the machine, so that any read-out error is quickly identified.

13.3.6. Ensure that the Commentator announces the correct time and makes no public comment about the correct passage of gates or otherwise.

13.3.7. For each competitor on the start list, enter the recorded time, DNS or DNF into the computer immediately after the run. Keep a manual record of all DNFs, clear DSQs, reruns and any other relevant information for each competitor.

13.3.8. If, for any reason, the timing unit fails to record a time for a competitor completing the course or you have good reason to believe that the recorded time is wrong, obtain the elapsed times recorded by the Backup Timekeepers for that competitor at start and finish. Subtract the start time from the finish time to obtain an approximate run time for the competitor. If this time is clearly wrong, or the elapsed times are not available, inform a Jury member immediately, so that a decision can be made whether to order a provisional re-run.

13.3.9. At the end of the first run, print out a results list for the run. With the help of the Chief of Timing, compare all times in the computer with the manual record made by the Chief of Timing. Resolve any discrepancies by checking the manual hand timing records. Once you are in possession of a copy of the Referee's Report, enter details of all disqualifications and check that the computer record of DNS and DNFs agree with the Report. Resolve any discrepancies immediately with the Referee. Prepare the provisional final run start lists. It is important to note that all results of protests over disqualification need to be known before

the final lists are produced. A check of the second run start list against the Referee's Report and the recording system is essential.

13.3.10. Note that competitors who are DNF or DSQ on the first run are normally given the opportunity of a second or final run in Artificial Slope Competitions (although this is a privilege not a right) . These competitors will race as a group (females and males) in the same bib order as for the first run prior to the main forerunners and competitors with valid times. Compile a list of DNF and DSQs in this order as part of the second/final run start list.

13.3.11. Arrange for the Race Secretary to copy and distribute the second/final run start list immediately.

13.3.12. Check and, if necessary, re-synchronise the manual hand timing stopwatches.

13.3.13. For the second run (and third where appropriate), repeat the process for the first run. The times for first run DNFs and DSQs should be read out by the commentator, but will not be recorded in the computer or on the manual record

13.3.14. Ensure that no competitors, spectators or Officials other than Jury members and the Race Secretary enter the Timing Hut during the race.

13.3.15. Note that the Forerunners' times must not be published but may be disclosed to the forerunners on request

13.3.16. After the final run, collect the stopwatches and return them to the Technical Delegate. Produce the results and prize-winners list as described in section 13.4.

13.4. Results

13.4.1. At the end of the final run, calculate any manual hand times and notify the Jury.

13.4.2. Check the final results against all the Referee's Reports and resolve any discrepancies.

13.4.3. In co-operation with the Chief of Ceremonial or Race Secretary, extract a prize-winners list in the relevant categories for the race.

13.4.4. When the time for protests is over, check whether there are any protests to be considered and, if so, await the outcome of the Jury meeting. Having taken account of the outcome of any Jury Meetings, print the final results and penalty calculation and present these to the Technical Delegate for checking and signature. Make sure that you have all the Referee's Reports available for the TD to check the results against. Revise the prize-winners list, if necessary, and hand to the Chief of Ceremonial.

13.4.5. Hand the signed results, penalty calculations, Referee's reports, manual times records, manual hand timing sheets and calculations to the Race Secretary.

13.4.6. It is your firm goal to deliver accurate and complete results with penalty calculation to the Technical Delegate for signing and to hand the signed results to the Race Secretary before you leave the race venue.

13.4.7. Attention to detail in setting up the race database, inputting and checking times, checking and transferring details from the Referee's Reports, will help to ensure that you GET IT RIGHT FIRST TIME. Only in this way can you gain the confidence of the Technical Delegate that your results are correct and that they do not have to check every detail before signing.

13.4.8. You can then leave the race, knowing that there is no further work required on the results.

13.4.9. If your TD has delegated the task of submitting race data to you, as soon as possible (ideally the same day), e-mail a copy of all the race files to the National Seeder. This will enable rapid validation and reproduction of the results and publication on the internet.

13.5. Manual Hand Timing

13.5.1. A manual hand timing system must be operated throughout the race.

13.5.2. The Manual Hand Timekeepers (Assistant Timekeepers) record hand times for each competitor using an electronic timer that is entirely independent of the main timing system.

13.5.3. The Official at the Start holding the timer depresses the button when the competitor's leg activates the Start Wand.

13.5.4. The Official at the Finish holding the timer depresses the button when any part of the competitor's body crosses the Finishing Line and then records the stop watch reading against the correct competitor.

13.5.5. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Calculations to see that the Manual Hand Timers are started correctly and synchronised.

13.6. Calculation of Run Times based on Backup Timing

13.6.1. Using the Excel spreadsheet that is available for download from GBSKI.com, enter the relevant data from the manual hand timers and the main electronic timing in order to calculate the backup time.

13.6.2. Ensure that the calculated manual hand times are communicated to the Technical Delegate.

14. Chief of Time-keeping

14.1.1. This duty is normally undertaken by someone familiar with the timing equipment and the communications between Start and Finish.

14.2. Pre Race Organisation

14.2.1. Discuss with the Chief of Race which timing equipment is to be used and who is responsible for providing, installing and maintaining the timing on race day.

14.2.2. Make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the timing equipment is installed and tested at the latest by the time course setting is scheduled to start.

14.2.3. All seeded competitions must use a timing system that has been homologated by FIS. Timing devices which have been homologated by FIS may continue to be used for a maximum of two years after they have been removed from the official list of FIS homologated equipment (see BCR 611.2).

14.3. Race Day

14.3.1. Agree the location for the start and finish gates with the Chief of Race and Course Setter.

14.3.2. Ensure that the timing equipment and start to finish communications are installed and tested at the latest by the time course setting is scheduled to start. If you are not installing the equipment yourself, you should assist with the installation. Take note of how the equipment is installed, so that you can do the job yourself in future, if required.

14.3.3. Familiarise yourself with the operation of the timing unit and the communications with the starter. If in any doubt, seek advice from the person who provided and installed the unit.

14.3.4. During course inspection, liaise with the starter and the finish referee to test the correct function of the start gate, finish beam and timing unit.

14.3.5. For each competitor, follow the start procedure as agreed beforehand with the Chief of Timing / Calculations. It is particularly important that timing are fully aware of which racers are on the course.

14.3.6. If a competitor falls, or appears to abandon the course, wait until you are certain that they does not intend to cross the finish line. Only once you and the Chief of Calculations are certain, reset the timing and record DNF on your start list. Even if a competitor clearly misses most of the gates, you must record their time if they cross the finish line. It is up to the Referee to ensure that the competitor is disqualified, not the timing team or Commentator. However, make a note of the circumstances so you can inform the Referee.

14.3.7. Ensure that the starter tells you of any competitor on the start list who does not appear at the start, and advise the Chief of Calculations and Commentator.

14.3.8. If a competitor is granted a start out of order or a rerun, note all the relevant details so that you can assist the Referee in reconstructing events, if required.

14.3.9. At the end of each run, assist the Chief of Calculations in checking your recorded times against those entered in the computer.

14.3.10. At the end of the race, remove or assist in the removal of all the timing equipment.

15. Starter

15.1. Race Day

15.1.1. Attend Race Officials meeting.

15.1.2. Familiarise yourself with the communications between Starter and Chief of Timing. If you are using a radio, ensure that this is on a separate channel from that used by any other function of the organising committee or jury.

15.1.3. Familiarise yourself with the rules for start procedure (ICR 613.3, and 805.3 for Slalom). Ensure that the start signals are accurate and consistent for each competitor. As soon as you receive the order for the next start, give the competitor the warning "READY" and a few seconds later the start signal "GO." Note that "READY" is a warning statement, not a question. The competitor must start within about 10 Seconds after the signal to "GO". It is recommended that you adopt the following simple procedure once the competitor is settled in the start gate: -

- READY (Said aloud)
- 3,2,1 (Under breath)
- GO (Said aloud)

15.1.4. This helps to achieve consistency for all competitors.

15.1.5. Discuss with the Chief of Race and Start Referee the preparation of the Start and Start Area.

15.1.6. Position yourself at the Start during Course Inspection to be ready for the Forerunners.

15.1.7. On instructions from the Chief of Race, send down the three Forerunners. Send each forerunner only when instructed. This ensures that timing snags can be resolved and that a forerunner is immediately available.

15.1.8. Await instructions from the Chief of Timing to start the first competitor.

15.1.9. Send down each competitor on the signal from the Chief of Timing, in accordance with the rules for start procedure and start signals. If there is no indication on the start gate that the timing has been reset, DO NOT start the next competitor until you have received clearance from the Chief of Timing.

15.1.10. If the competitors are either too slow in reaching the start or arriving too quickly, ask the Start Referee to control this.

15.1.11. If a competitor is absent at the Start, inform the Start Referee and ensure that the following competitor and their trainer are aware.

15.1.12. The Start Referee is the Official responsible for all decisions concerning valid and false starts, provisional runs and provisional reruns occasioned by incidents in the Start Area.

16. Backup Timekeeper

16.1.1. The Backup Timekeepers are an integral and important part of the officials team. Regardless of how sophisticated the electronic timing system(s), or how reliable they appear to be, it is essential to have a separate, manual backup of all racers times.

16.1.2. The equpment used to record backup times may vary (hand stopwatches and recording sheets, or electronic devices with printout strips), but the basic principle remains the same: a time for each racer leaving the start and each racer crossing the finish line is recorded by 'human action' to an accuracy of at least 1/100th of a second.

16.2. Race Day

16.2.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting.

16.2.2. Confer with your Chief of Timing/Calculations about the equipment to be used for backup timing, how to use it, and when and where to collect it.

16.2.3. Collect your timing equipment and clipboard. The timing equipment will need to be synchronised before the race, so you may not be able to collect it until just before you go to take your position on the hill.

16.2.4. Position yourself where you have a clear and uninterrupted view of the start gate (or finish line). At the start, the usual position is to sit opposite the starter so that you have a good view of the racer leaving the gate. At the finish, you need to be sited (preferably seated) with a good view in a position where people cannot cross between you and the finish line.

16.3. Start Recording

16.3.1. Some equipment requires you to enter the bib number before each racer leaves, so you should allow yourself time to do this as the racer is coming into the gate.

16.3.2. As the racer leaves the gate (pushes the start wand open with their leg), click the appropriate button on the recording equipment to record the time. It is important to be consistent about this, so that you press the button at the same moment for each racer.

16.3.3. For 'manual recording', write the time displayed onto your recording sheet, making sure you record all the digits (times are recorded to 1/100th second accuracy).

16.3.4. Look for the next racer coming into the gate so you know their bib number.

16.4. Finish Recording

16.4.1. As each racer crosses the finish line, click the appropriate button on the recording equipment to record the time. It is important to be consistent about this, so that you press the button at the same moment for each racer.

16.4.2. For 'manual recording', write the time displayed onto your recording sheet, making sure you record all the digits (times are recorded to 1/100th second accuracy).

16.5. Equipment Problems

16.5.1. If at any time there is a problem with your timing equipment, let your Start/Finish Referee know straight away. Backup Timing is an essential part of the race, so it is important that the correct times are always recorded.

16.5.2. Common problems are: the display fading away; stopwatches no longer recording hundredths; stopwatches resetting themselves to zero; finger trouble - pressing the wrong button!

16.6. After Each Run

16.6.1. Return your recording sheets or timing strips to the Chief of Timing/Calculations in case they are needed for backup calculations.

16.6.2. If necessary, return your timing equipment to be re-synchronised. This is not always necessary, your Chief of Timing / Calculations will let you know beforehand.

17. Provisional Times Recorder

17.1. Race Day

17.1.1. Locate the Provisional Times Board in a place accessible to competitors, but not close to the finish area or blocking any thoroughfares. Ensure that you are in a position where you can hear the commentary or see the timing board clearly

17.1.2. The minimum requirement is to record the announced times for each competitor on a large size start list or against a list of bib numbers. The use of a magnetic board with printed labels on magnetic strips is recommended, but not essential.

However, using magnetic strips means it is possible to sort the labels in age group or overall result order as the race progresses.

18. Commentator

18.1.1. The commentator is a important member of the organising team, helping to create the right atmosphere for the event, and keeping much of the day to the timetable.

18.2. Race Day

18.2.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting.

18.2.2. Ensure that the PA is set up and working in good time – preferably before the practice session begins.

18.2.3. Collect your board from the race office. You need the final start list, race bulletins, the list of officials for the day & details of any sponsors to thank.

18.2.4. Check with the Chief of Race that the timetable on the bulletin is still valid, if male & female course inspection is to be staggered and how much latitude you are allowed to keep the event to schedule without waiting for instructions.

18.2.5. You can assist the Chief of Race considerably by announcing the start & end of the practice session, seeking assistance if the lifts stop, summoning the course setter – even the Jury, if necessary, when the course has been set. Once the Jury has approved the course, you will control the agreed timetable for course inspection by the racers – ensuring that they leave the course when their time is up, and make their way to the start in good time for their run.

18.2.6. Before the start of the race, check that you have the commentary sheets for all racers ,that they are in the right order, and details of the forerunners; also a list of non-starters. Announce this list for the benefit of the gate judges, other officials and spectators.

18.2.7. Position yourself in the timing hut so that you can see either the timing display or the computer screen – preferably both. Look through the commentary sheets, checking for any difficult names, or material unfit for publication.

18.2.8. Announce the names of the forerunners as they ski the course. Do not announce their times.

18.2.9. For each racer, use the commentary sheet to give some information about them and then read out their time. Feel free to add any personal knowledge of racers' results, selection to squads etc., etc. The computer screen will give the current ranking of those who have completed the course. Announce the leading racers from time to time.

18.2.10. After the first run, be available to announce the Referee's Report of disqualifications.

18.2.11. Once the Jury has approved the second course, control the course inspection by racers to a timetable provided by the Chief of Race.

18.2.12. Obtain a second run start list and sort the commentary sheets into the right order. Note that DNF and DSQs from the first run are normally allowed to ski the second course before the start of the race proper.

18.2.13. For the second/final run, repeat 18.2.8 to 18.2.9 above. The computer will give you the aggregate time and overall ranking. As the race nears its climax, ensure that you frequently announce who is in the lead.

18.2.14. After the second or final run, be available to announce the Referee's Report of disqualifications.

18.2.15. Announce the time and location of the prize giving. Thank all the officials – especially if they have been standing in foul weather while you have been enjoying the comforts of the timing hut.

19. Chief of Course

19.1. Pre-Race Organisation

19.1.1. Clarify with the Chief of Race what specific equipment other than poles, bases and flags will be your responsibility. For example the Chief of Course may be responsible for the public address system, radios, safety equipment etc.

19.1.2. Make all the necessary arrangements for the equipment to be at the slope on race day, in consultation with the Chief of Race.

19.1.3. Prepare cards/stickers for numbering the gates on each run, checking with the course setter for the likely number of gates.

19.1.4. Decide, in conjunction with the ski slope manager, the most effective manner in which to mark the position of the poles, which will not be affected by the weather or cause damage to the matting.

19.2. Race Day

19.2.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting if feasible.

19.2.2. Check that all the equipment is on site and that there is an ample supply of spare poles in good condition.

19.2.3. Lay out blue and red poles along the length of the slope well before the time scheduled for course setting, so that the Course Setter is not delayed in their work.

19.2.4. Assist slope personnel with the erection of the finish banner, as necessary.

19.2.5. Assist with the erection of the timing pickets and safety barriers, as necessary.

19.2.6. Check with Jury if any misting system is to be used.

19.2.7. Assist the Course Setter if requested.

19.3. Course Inspection

19.3.1. As soon as the Jury has approved the course, mark the position of the poles.

19.3.2. Also number the non-turning pole of each gate starting from the top of the course.

19.3.3. The Chief of Course needs at least one Assistant depending on the length of the slope and the weather conditions. The person who is to mark and number the gates should follow the Jury down. This enables the course to be opened for inspection as soon as the Jury are finished.

19.4. During The Race

19.4.1. Keep the course clear of spectators and other obstructions: - skis, animals, debris. Assist in any course and matting repairs that may be necessary. Maintain an adequate supply of replacement poles.

19.4.2. Where a second course is to be set, dismantle the first course immediately after the Chief of Race has notified you that you are clear to do so.

19.4.3. Lay poles in a convenient position for the Course Setter to set the second course. Repeat from 19.2.7.

19.5. After The Final Run

19.5.1. Dismantle the course and collect together all poles and any other equipment for which you are responsible.

19.5.2. Return everything to the Chief of Race and report any lost or broken items.

20. Chief Gate Judge

20.1. Race Day

20.1.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting.

20.1.2. Check that sufficient Gate Judges' boards are available and made up with control sheets and sharp pencils.

20.1.3. Ensure you have a supply of spare Gate Judge control sheets, a pencil sharpener, spare pencils and enough plastic bags (in case of bad weather) for the number of Gate Judges anticipated.

20.1.4. Arrive as early as possible in order to contact Gate Judges.

20.1.5. Fix time and location for Gate Judges' meeting (if not already planned). This should be at least 30 minutes before course inspection by the competitors.

20.1.6. Ask Commentator to announce time of meeting.

20.1.7. Collect Arm Bands/hi-vis vests from Race Secretary to distribute along with the boards/pencils at the meeting.

20.1.8. Collect final start list from Race Secretary and note any changes in bib numbers, alterations in running order, and any competitors who have not collected their bibs, and inform Gate Judges of these as soon as practicable.

20.2. Gate Judges Briefing

20.2.1. Use Gate Judges' briefing sheet, which is provided in the Race Pack. Ascertain the previous relevant experience of the gate judges.

20.2.2. Remind gate judges that the final run will be in reverse time order except for the DNFs and disqualified competitors who may start as a group at the beginning of the final run in start order. Competitors who are DNF and DISQ from the first run do not have their second run recorded on any documentation (with the exception of the provisional times board).

20.2.3. Explain that the gate judges should use separate control sheets for each race, and write clearly on each sheet: their name, the numbers of their gates, male/female/ U10&U12s, $1^{st}/2^{nd}/3^{rd}$ run

20.3. Positioning And Care Of Gate Judges

20.3.1. Place the most experienced gate judges at the tricky sections of the course, after consultation with the course setter if necessary. It is worth examining the course and working out a draft plan before placing the Gate Judges. It is also useful to watch the forerunners' progress through the course during course setting to help you determine the likely 'problem' gates.

20.3.2. Position Gate Judges in the best position for them to be able to see the line through their gates. This position will inevitably be a compromise. Remember not to position them in places where they might distract the racer.

20.3.3. Check that every gate is numbered and marked and that the gate judges are clear for which gates they are responsible.

20.3.4. Gate Judges should be in position during course inspection by the competitors and should report any contravention of the rules to a member of the Jury.

20.3.5. During course inspection, circulate among the gate judges, checking that they they have no problems with the forms. Check that inexperienced gate judges understand the meaning of a correct passage.

20.3.6. During the race, circulate among the gate judges, checking that they have all they need and that they have no problems.

20.3.7. Ensure that the Gate Judges are not distracted by competitors or their supporters.

20.3.8. Check that there are adequate replacement poles of both colours distributed along the side of the slope to replace broken poles. If necessary, arrange for some assistants, including yourself, to help repair and replace poles.

20.3.9. The organisers of the race must provide the gate judges with some form of nourishment at their position. (ICR 668.3). Ensure that the Gate Judges are offered a drink during the run and that they know the arrangements for lunch.

20.4. De-briefing

20.4.1. Arrange for the gate judges to return their sheets to you immediately at the end of each run. Ask them to explain to you any disqualifications that they have recorded. If any sketch appears unclear or the gate judge appears uncertain, ask for clarification. Ensure that the gate judge remains available to discuss the disqualification with the Referee or TD.

20.4.2. Ensure that all gate judges, who have recorded a disqualification at their gates or can offer supporting evidence for a disqualification at an adjacent gate, remain on site and reasonably available in the event of a protest. Remind all gate judges to be in position in time for the subsequent run course inspection(s).

20.4.3. Sort all the gate judges sheets for each race into gate order. Present these to the Referee and be prepared to explain any disqualification or other note on the sheets.

20.4.4. Unless a Jury Secretary has been appointed, or the Race Secretary is available, you may be required to assist the Referee in completing the Referee's report, which lists all those who did not start, did not finish, or made an incorrect gate passage.

20.5. Second (and Third) Run

20.5.1. Brief any new Gate Judges who were not officiating on previous run(s) and if necessary hand out additional control sheets.

20.5.2. Repeat the procedures from 20.3.5 to 20.4.4 for the second run (and third where applicable).

20.5.3. At the final run de-briefing, collect all the gate judges' boards, hi-vis vests and arm bands and return them to the Race Secretary

21. Assistant Chief Gate Judge

21.1.1. The role is to assist the Chief Gate judge in all the above duties, particularly to help and support new gate judges.

21.1.2. It may also be necessary to 'stand in' for the Chief Gate Judge if they are off the hill processing paperwork while the race is still going on.

22. Gate Judge

22.1. Introduction

22.1.1. Gate Judge is a very important role. To make the task easier, a separate Gate Judges Briefing sheet is made available as part of their paperwork.

22.1.2. The briefing sheet is also used by the Chief Gate Judge during the Gate Judge's briefing at the start of the race. This sheet explains the duties and responsibilities, and specifies what constitutes a correct gate passage including some examples.

22.2. Race Day

22.2.1. If you have been appointed to the Officials team before the race, or early enough on race day itself, attend the Race Officials meeting, and the Chief Gate Judge's briefing which is often held immediately after the Race Officials meeting.

22.2.2. If you have been appointed after the Race Officials meeting has taken place, make yourself known to the Chief Gate Judge as soon as possible so you can be briefed on relevant times and places.

22.2.3. Meet the Chief Gate Judge at the time specified during the briefing. On artificial slopes, the meeting is often at the bottom of the slope towards the end of first run course setting, but on snow it is more likely to be at the top of the course. Meeting at this point allows you to be positioned at your allotted gates in time for course inspection.

22.2.4. You should be prepared to be on the hill from this point onwards until the end of the first run (or the end of the second run for Club National events), so you should have with you your clipboard, any refreshments you have been given or may need, and protective clothing appropriate to the weather conditions.

22.2.5. Find a sustainable position standing near your allotted gates, in a place which gives you a clear view of each gate including the foot of each pole but without being too conspicuous in the racers line of sight. If you are not sure about the best viewing position, the Chief Gate Judge can advise you.

22.2.6. Use the time during course inspection to draw your gate diagrams on all your first run control cards, including drawing a couple of diagrams ready for disqualifications on each sheet. For Club National events where the same course is used for all the runs, you can prepare all your control sheets during this time.

22.2.7. Also during course inspection, watch the competitors as they inspect the course. If you see any rule infringements, speak to the racer concerned or report the incident to the Chief Gate Judge or a member of the Jury. Common infringements in artificial slope events are racers skiing the course, and coaches or trainers on the course without skis.

22.2.8. Once the race starts, follow the procedure described by the Chief Gate Judge for completing your control cards / sheets. The procedure is also described on the control card itself.

22.2.9. After the first run (or the second run for Club Nationals) you may leave the hill for a well-earned lunch break, making sure you hand in any completed control cards to the Chief Gate Judge as you do so. Some of your control cards may already have been collected while the race was going on, to help the Referee prepare and publish the Referee's Reports as quickly as possible.

22.2.10. During the break, make sure that you still remain in the area or within earshot of the PA system, so that you are available should you need to be called to any Jury meeting that might be convened to consider a protest.

22.2.11. If you have been briefed to keep the same gates for the final run, make sure you are in place for the start of final run course inspection, or a few minutes before the start of the final run if no course inspection is taking place (e.g. for Club National events).

22.2.12. Alternatively, if you are to be allotted 'new' gates for the final run, meet the Chief Gate Judge in the appointed place and time before the final run.

22.2.13. Repeat 22.2.5 to 22.2.10 for the final run.

23. Start Marshall (Assistant Starter)

23.1. Race Day

23.1.1. Attend Race Officials meeting.

23.1.2. Assist Chief of Race or Start Referee in the preparation of the start area. This should be closed off to everyone except the starting competitor, accompanied by only one trainer and the start officials.

23.1.3. Arrange for a special area for waiting competitors and trainers, in consultation with the Chief of Race.

23.1.4. Discuss the method of controlling competitors and the appropriateness of using the tow with the Start Referee and Chief of Race.

23.1.5. Decide whether the layout of the slope requires an Assistant Start Marshall.

23.1.6. At the end of the course inspection, ensure that the Forerunners and the first 15 competitors are at, or near the start area, for the beginning of the first run.

23.1.7. If competitors are slow to respond, ask the Start Referee to request the Commentator to announce the need for more diligence. The smooth running of a race depends very heavily on the effective marshalling of competitors. In addition, calm and efficient marshalls aid competitors, particularly when they are less experienced. The aim is to ensure that competitors reach the start area unflustered, but without having to wait for too long in a confined space at the start.

23.1.8. Report any problems with competitors to the Start Referee or any other member of the Jury.

24. Finish Marshall (Finish Controller)

24.1. Race Day

24.1.1. Attend Race Officials meeting.

24.1.2. Be in a position below the finish line by the end of course inspection for the first run.

24.1.3. Ensure firmly, but politely, that competitors move quickly away from the finish area.

24.1.4. Ensure that no skis are left in the finish area and that spectators do not infringe on the finish area.

24.1.5. Report any problems to the Finish Referee and request that Commentator makes any relevant announcements

24.1.6. Make sure finish area is clear of skis at end of first run and during the break between runs.

24.1.7. Be in position at end of second run course inspection.

24.1.8. Collect bibs during the second (or final) run. Sort into correct order and check for completeness. This greatly assists the Race Secretary after the event. Inform the Race Secretary and Commentator of any bibs that are missing, well before prize giving.

24.1.9. Assist the Finish Referee in any appropriate way.

24.1.10. The Finish Marshall has a very important duty as far as the safety and smooth running of the event is concerned in an artificial slope competition, where space is often limited in the finish area.

25. Master of Ceremonies

25.1. Pre-race organisation

25.1.1. Check with the Race Secretary the requirements for the race, including categories of winners (age group and sex), numbers of medals and/or certificates required, method of obtaining these (from HNGB or other source), ribbons, podium, method of filling in the Certificates (if required).

25.1.2. Check with the Race Secretary about arrangements for prize giving (room or venue on the slope, who will distribute the prizes, who will announce the Prize Winners).

25.1.3. Check with the Official who is announcing the Prize Winners that they understand the procedure regarding announcements and the order in which prizes are awarded (ascending age group order with females then males in each age group, then overall, with 3rd, 2nd and 1st in each group).

25.1.4. If the event has perpetual trophies (cups, salvers, etc that are presented each year), make sure all last times prize-winners have been returned.

25.2. Race Day

25.2.1. Attend Race Officials' meeting.

25.2.2. Assist Race Secretary in race office duties or other duties if requested.

25.2.3. Check that all medals, certificates, and podium etc. have arrived and that the room for prize giving is available.

25.2.4. At the end of the second or final run, liaise closely with the Chief of Calculations and the Race Secretary to extract the names of the winners in the different categories.

25.2.5. Fill in names on the Provisional Winners' List. If there are any tied 1st, 2nd or 3rd places, clarify with the Race Secretary what action to take.

25.2.6. Write names on the certificates.

25.2.7. Lay out trophies, medals, and certificates on a table in a convenient order and hand to the official presenting the prizes.

25.2.8. After the prize giving, ensure that any medals or certificates not collected are returned to the Race Secretary.

25.2.9. NOTE: Any competitors not collecting their award(s) lose their right to the award(s) if they inexcusably do not attend the prize giving

25.2.10. See that the Podium is returned if necessary.

25.2.11. Return the winners' list to the Race Secretary who will need it for the results list and as an item of race documentation.

26. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2006(D)	May 2006	First edition of consolidated British document created from British Race Organisation Manual 1999 and Snowsport England Race Manual 2005.
2006	15-Nov-2006	Edition 2007 approved by TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards. No changes to regulations.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	Replace BSS with GB Snowsport.
Nov 19	3-Nov-19	Some alterations to reflect current practice and some minor corrections where this book has fallen behind a few of the changes made in the corresponding books. 313.3 Medical requirements clarification. Alteration or removal of rules relating to 'special' calculation of seed points so that they are consistent with rule 621.2: 7.4, 7.5, 7.7 & 7.8.
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender Neutral Amendments.
Nov 22	6-Nov-22	3.13 wording amended to replicate HSE advice and define the minimum level of first aid coverage as FAW for BARTS events.

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1. General

This document is part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR), and details the rules and regulations for the seeding of British artificial slope competitions, under the BARTS (British ARTificial Seeding) system. Refer to BACR Book I for overall details about BACR and its application.

2. Regulations

2.1. These regulations are formulated to provide guidance for the preparation of seed lists and the calculation of seed points on which the seed lists are based.

3. Objectives Of Seeding

3.1. Competition Entry: To ensure a fair means of determining qualification for entry to competitions of national significance.

3.2. Start Order: To aid preparation of start lists in competitions of national significance in accordance with ICR 621 - Group Draw and Start Order - as amended by the relevant British and/or CG Competition Rules.

3.3. Team Selection: To assist interested bodies in the selection of teams.

4. Definitions

4.1. BARTS: the British Artificial Seeding scheme administers seeding for HNGB registered racers competing in recognised artificial ski slope races of national significance.

4.2. Seed List: The BARTS seed list is an on-going list of registered competitors with their current seed points, calculated on the basis of their performance in artificial slope races of national significance compared with other registered competitors competing in each race. Separate lists are maintained for the men and women competing. Separate lists are also maintained for Indoor and Outdoor artificial slope competitions.

4.3. Seed Point: A competitor's seed point is calculated from the results of races as outlined in Section 10 of these regulations. The lowest seed points indicate the best level of performance.

5. Eligibility of Competitors

5.1. Registration: All competitors must be registered as an Alpine Competitor with an approved Registration Authority as defined in Art 3.2 BCR V.

5.2. Age Limits: The minimum age for inclusion in the seed list is first year Under-14.

6. Criteria for Accepting Events For Seeding

6.1. Officials: Each Race Organising Committee must ensure that the race officials undertaking duties at the event are competent do so.

6.2. Technical Delegate: The event must be attended by a Technical Delegate, appointed to attend the race by and on behalf of the TD Forum. In all

cases, the organising body will pay the expenses of the Technical Delegate.

6.3. Determination of Acceptability: Constituent Groups will determine which events under their jurisdiction should be considered for inclusion in the British Artificial Race Calendar as seeded events. Approval of such events as acceptable for seeding rests with the TD Forum. If in the opinion of the TD Forum any event does not reach an acceptable standard, then the results of that event will be excluded from the calculation of seed points.

6.4. Notification: All races which are intended to be used in the compilation of the seed list should be listed in the British Artificial Race Calendar, which is administered by Snowsport England in co-operation with other HNGB's and is published each year. However, this shall not prevent any race not on the Race Calendar from being seeded, if the other criteria in this section are complied with.

6.5. Fees: Snowsport England events pay an administration fee to Snowsport England which includes a contribution to the overheads of maintaining the seeding system. All organisations that require a race to be considered for seeding must pay a Calendar Fee to GB Snowsport for each event, as defined in Art 8.4 BACR IV.

6.6. Event Status: The event should normally be of "National Open" standard with entry being available to all competitors who meet the eligibility requirements of Section 5.

6.7. Format Of Event: The event is to be a Special Slalom as defined by FIS with the aggregate time of the two runs to decide the result. Males and Females are to compete in separate races. In addition, the following race formats are approved for seeding:

6.7.1. Outdoor Club National: three runs on the same course, the better of runs 1 & 2 plus run 3 to count.

6.7.2. Indoor Club National: two separate single-run races on different courses.

6.7.3. Excel Introductory Race: three runs on the same course, best time to count; minimum seed points for entry 20; maximum race entry 75; priority for higher seed point entrants.

6.7.4. Parallel Qualifying Race: single run of Slalom as qualifier for a parallel race.

6.8. Location: The event must be held on a suitable artificial ski slope, which has been homologated for the event. If race organisers are in doubt about the suitability of a slope, they should apply to the appropriate HNGB or the TD Forum to seek approval of the slope before entering a race on the Race Calendar.

6.9. Other Events: Any other event of national significance, or other source of pertinent information, deemed by the TD Forum to be suitable for inclusion, may be used in the derivation of the seed list.

7. Criteria for Acceptance into Races

7.1. Current Registration: Entry to races, which may be used in the compilation of a seed list, is limited to competitors who are at the time registered as alpine Competitors with an approved Registration Authority as defined in Art 3.2 BCR V. However, the seed list should not be used as proof of

current registration. It is necessary for Race Secretaries to conduct an independent check of current registration.

7.2. Foreign Competitors: Where race organisers invite foreign teams to compete in National Championship events, their results will not count for seeding purposes, unless the team members are registered as alpine per Art 7.1.

7.3. Acceptance and Start List: The current BARTS seed list must be used, in preference to any other seed list, to determine which competitors are accepted into a race, and the start order. Acceptance into the women's race shall be considered separately from acceptance into men's race, possibly resulting in a different cut-off point.

7.4. Competitors With No Current BARTS Points: Where competitors have no BARTS points, or where their points have lapsed by more than 2 years or there is other evidence acceptable to the ROC/Jury that they are not currently competing within the BARTS system or that membership of a national squad limits such competition, but have points on the current BASS list, they may apply for a conversion to be made, specifying the relevant BASS seed list, to determine the equivalent BARTS points. Such applications must be made in writing to the Race Secretary before the closing date for entries. The equivalent BARTS seed points shall be used to determine acceptance. They will not be used to place competitors on the BARTS seed list, to determine the start order, nor in the calculation of a Race Penalty Point.

7.5. Where competitors' registration or BARTS points have lapsed, they may apply for their BARTS seed points to be reinstated on the BARTS seed list, subject to annual loading of 20%, any end-of-year adjustments and adjustment due to rule changes. Such applications should be made in writing to the National Seeder before the published closing date for results for that seed list. Their points, loaded as appropriate, will be listed on the next published BARTS seed list. In this case they will not be able to apply for conversion as described in 7.4.

7.6. Formulae For Conversion Of BASS Points: Separate conversion formulae shall be calculated for the men and women competing. From time to time, the BARTS Seeder shall review the formulae for conversion from BASS to equivalent BARTS points. Subject to the approval of the TD Forum, these formulae shall be used for all future conversions required under Regulation 7.4.

7.7. If a racer's seed points shown on the published seed list would cause them to fall outside the cut-off criteria, a seed point based on recent race results may calculated at the racer's request, provided that the race is under-subscribed or in the event of protest against non-acceptance into the event due to the failure to meet a seed-point cut-off.

Such a seed point shall be used only to determine acceptance.

Amended seed points based on recent race results shall not be calculated purely to enhance the entrant's start position.

Regardless of which points are used to determine acceptance, the Start List and results shall show their points as published on the current seed list.

Race results may include official results as recent as the previous day.

8. Determination of Seed Points

8.1. Calculation of Results for Each Race

8.2. These are calculated by the formula:-

$$P = \frac{(Tx - To)}{To} \times F$$

where:-

P = Race Points

Tx = Racer's Time in seconds

To = Winner's Time in seconds

F = 'F' factor, announced annually for each discipline.

8.3. A "Race Penalty Point" (RPP) shall be determined using the following formula:

$$\text{Race Penalty Point} = \frac{(A + B - C)}{10}$$

where A = the sum of the IBARTS/OBARTS seed points of the 5 best seeded competitors in the first 10 finishers

and B = the sum of the IBARTS/OBARTS seed points of the 5 best seeded starters in the race

and C = the sum of the Race Points of the 5 best seeded competitors in the first 10 finishers.

Where more than one competitor finishes in tenth position, they shall each be eligible for inclusion in the calculation.

If two or more competitors in the first 10 finishers have the 5th best seed points, the competitor(s) with the higher race points shall be considered for the penalty calculation.

For the purpose of calculating the RPP, the seed list current at the date of the race shall be used.

8.4. Category Adders: The following category adders shall apply, to be added to the calculated or minimum penalty:-

No category adders apply.

8.5. Minimum Penalties: The following minimum race penalty points shall apply:

British, English, Welsh Open, Scottish, Irish, European, BARSC (only one indoor and/or one outdoor event per nation/CG)	0
GBR Series, Welsh Closed and SCI Slalom	5
Club National Races and Parallel Qualifiers	10
Excel Introductory Races	20

8.6. For the penalty calculation, the Maximum Value (or "Points Max") is 400 points.

8.7. The "Result" for each competitor shall be determined by adding the Race Penalty Point to the competitor's Race Point.

8.8. Men's and Women's races will be seeded separately, each with its own Race Penalty Point.

9. Discretion

9.1. In order to be fair to all competitors, the TD Forum shall have discretion to apply a different RPP from that calculated, if the calculated RPP can be shown to confer significant advantage to a particular group of competitors or may otherwise affect the integrity of the seeding system. Any decision to amend the RPP shall be declared in the next published seed list and shall be offered in retrospect to the TD Forum for ratification.

10. Transfer of Race Results

10.1. The appointed TD is responsible for the production of the results pack, including any electronic race files. This is carried out in conjunction with the Chief of Timing and Calculations (CoTC). The TD will authorise the CoTC to send the electronic race files to import@gbski.com for acceptance into the online system and, once approved, send the .pdf copies of the official results (and penalties where appropriate) to publish@gbski.com.

10.2. **Format of Race Results**
Race files for seeding must be in Ski [Alp] Pro format.

10.3. **Despatch of Race Results**
The appointed TD must ensure that the race files, race results and the TD report are sent electronically as detailed at Art. 10.1 within 3 days of the completion of the race.

10.4. **Delayed Race Results**
Seed Lists will not be delayed beyond their scheduled publication date, unless the TD Forum considers it essential to await a particular race result.

11. Calculation of Seed Points

11.1. Seed Points for all but the end-of-season list shall be the minimum of:

a) last year's end-of-season seed point (the basic points)

b) the average of the 2 best Results this season

c) the average of the best Result this season and the basic points

d) the best Result this season + 20% (minimum load 10 points)

11.2. Provisional Seed Points for the end-of-season list shall be the minimum of:

a) last year's end-of-season seed point + 20% (minimum load 10 points, or 30 points if no results during the season)

b) the average of the 2 best Results this season

c) the best Result this season + 20% (minimum load 10 points)

11.3. In order to calculate the final seed points for the end-of-season list, the provisional seed points shall be adjusted by a value which sets the points of the best seeded competitor on each list to zero.

11.4. Separate men's and women's seed lists will be published, each in alphabetic order. Competitors without seed points may not be included in all published formats of the seed list (online, Excel, Ski Pro).

12. Publication of Seed Lists

12.1. Times of Publication: Seed lists will be produced at least five times a year. Publication dates will be arranged each year to co-ordinate with the race calendar.

12.2. Availability: Each BARTS seed list will be published at www.gbski.com.

12.3. Separate seed lists will be published for Indoor and Outdoor artificial slopes, with each list containing points calculated from results obtained only on that type of surface.

13. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2007	15-Nov-2006	Approved by TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards.
Nov 15	15-Nov-2015	7.5 Change to include 20% loading to reflect current practice.
Nov 15	29-Nov-2015	8.2 Change of Race Point formula calculation to align to BCR III.
Dec 15	2-Dec-2015	10.3 deleted, as it was no longer applicable. Remaining paras re-numbered.
Feb 17	6-Feb-2017	8.4 new category adder for a restricted entry race.
Nov 17	05-Nov-2017	8.4 Removes the 5 points minimum for several races.
Nov 17	05-Nov-2017	8.5 No university races are currently seeded therefore no category adder is required.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	8.5 Max added for the Penalty Calculation (999).
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender neutral amendments.
		9. Addressing limited number of races and fairness to all competitors.
Nov 21	7-Nov-21	2.2 deleted, no longer relevant.
		Minor amendments to 5.1, 5.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.8, 7.1, 7.2, 10.4, and 11.2.
Nov 22	6-Nov-22	8.6 Maximum value changed to 400 in line with the BCR.
		6.7.3 and 8.5 Excel minimum penalty changed to 20 points.
		6.7.4 Added for Single run slalom can be sued as a qualifier for a Parallel event. 8.5 amended to reflect this change.
Nov 24	5-Nov-24	Insert new section 10 Transfer of Race Results to specify responsibilities, format, time limit and related details for transfer of results to GBSki.com.
		11.2 a) minimum load increased from 10 to 30 points.
Jan 25	16-Jan-25	11.2 a) minimum load increased from 10 to 30 points for those with no results during the season.



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1. General

This document is part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR), and specifies the particular regulations applicable to specific events which are run as 'recognised' British artificial slope races. Refer to BACR Book I for overall details about BACR and its application.

2. British Indoor Ski Slope Championships Eligibility

2.1.1. British Eligibility Rules apply.

2.1.2. All competitors must be registered with their respective registration authority.

2.1.3. The Race Organising Committee may invite teams from neighbouring nations to take part in the event.

2.2. Acceptance

2.2.1. Racing in indoor arenas is in its infancy and it is not possible yet to judge whether performance on plastic or on snow correlates more closely to performance indoors on snow. However, Indoor Arena slope profiles and length are more similar in nature to plastic slopes, and one of the reasons for using indoor slopes is to expose a greater number of skiers to snow conditions. Consequently, BARTS Seed Points will be used for Indoor Arena racing.

However, it is not yet possible for indoor arena performance to be taken into account in the BARTS Seeding System. The following regulations are given on a trial basis and will be evaluated annually and changed if necessary.

2.2.2. Criteria: Acceptance will be decided on the basis of BARTS Seed Points. The Organising Committee should set a maximum seed point standard, which should be published in the announcement. The TD Forum recommends a maximum of 250 points.

2.2.3. Number of Competitors: Entries in each age group should be accepted taking into account the proportion of the total number of entries into the competition in each age group. A minimum number of 10 competitors should be accepted to ensure a reasonable level of competition within each age group. Entries should be limited to a maximum of 70 males and 50 females in order to ensure that the absolute maximum of all competitors does not exceed 120.

2.2.4. Team Composition: If a nation entering a team or teams into the International Team Parallel Slalom event does not have the appropriate number of competitors within the appropriate seed point cut-off levels, further competitors from that nation will be accepted irrespective of seed points, providing they are registered, to bring the total number of competitors from that nation up to 4 competitors and 1 reserve per team. Maximum 2 men’s teams and 2 women’s teams.

2.3. Entry

2.3.1. The Race Bulletin must include the acceptance criteria.

2.3.2. The closing date for entries will be 15 days before the event. Late entries may be accepted up to the time of the draw. Protests against non-acceptance of late entries will be decided at the discretion of the organisers.

2.3.3. An acceptance list will be published at least 12 days before the event.

2.3.4. Protests against non-acceptance will be considered by the Organising Committee 5 days before the event.

2.4. Specific Rules for the Championships

2.4.1. The event will be run over 2 days and normally comprise 2 x two run Slaloms (the second of which shall be designated the Championships event) and an International Team Parallel Slalom. The non-Championships Slalom and the International Team Parallel Slalom should take place on Day 1, with the Championships Slalom on Day 2.

2.4.2. The start order for the Slaloms will be based on the points used to determine acceptance into the Championships as described in Section 2.2.2. The best

seeded competitors should have the lowest bib numbers. The Start Order should be determined by following the principles of FIS ICR Article 621.3 and 621.11.2.

2.4.3. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, competitors who fail to finish or who are disqualified in the first run, may be allowed to ski the second course, in a group, after the official second run of the race. Their times will not be recorded.

2.4.4. Due to time constraints, the Jury may decide to postpone consideration of protests against disqualification in the first run until after the second run has been completed. In these circumstances, competitors who are allegedly disqualified in the first run should be allowed to compete in the second run as if there were no disqualification.

2.5. Prizes

2.5.1. Awards will be given in the following categories. Only British Citizens are eligible to win the Age Group awards.

	WOMEN	MEN
U14	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
U16	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
U18	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
U21	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Senior	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Masters	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Overall	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	1st, 2nd, & 3rd
Inter-Club	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Team	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Team

2.6. International Team Slalom Event.

2.6.1. The Competition, which is open to national teams only, is to be two parallel slalom relays, one for men and one for women. Home Nation Team members must be registered as performers with the relevant Home Nation and may only represent the nation represented by their registration number as shown on the current BARTS seed list.

2.6.2. Each team is to consist of 4 competitors.

2.6.3. Each team should be seeded by totalling the race points achieved by team members in the non-Championship individual Slalom event. Any competitor who failed to finish or was disqualified will be given points equal to that of the lowest ranked member of that team.

2.6.4. Start order will normally be determined by following the principles of BACR Book I Rule 1224.

2.6.5. If time and the number of competing teams permit, every round will be the best of three races. If not, then each race in the first, second and semi-final rounds, and the race to determine third place, will consist of one race. The choice of courses will be decided by the Team Captains at the toss of a coin for red or blue before the first round. If a third race is necessary, a coin is to be tossed again for choice of courses. After the second round of the final, the two losing teams from the semi final are to race for third place, the Team Captains to toss a coin for choice of course.

2.6.6. Each team must be represented by a Team Captain. The Assistant Referee or Referee for the International Team Event should be appointed at the Team Captains' Meeting.

3. British Artificial Ski Slope Championships

3.1. Eligibility

3.1.1. British Eligibility Rules apply.

3.1.2. All competitors must be registered with their respective registration authority.

3.1.3. GB Snowsport may invite teams from neighbouring nations to take part in the event.

3.2. Acceptance

3.2.1. Criteria. Acceptance will be decided on the basis of BARTS Seed Points. If a competitor has BASS slalom points but no BARTS points, their BASS slalom points shall be used, converted by a factor to be agreed between the national seeders. The Organising Committee should set a maximum seed point standard, which should be published in the announcement. The TD Forum recommends a maximum of 250 BARTS points.

3.2.1.1 All eligible nations shall have a minimum quota of 8M and 8F. In the event that an entry from a nation is lower than their quota, then entries up to the quota limit may be accepted from racers who do not meet the published entry criteria. Such entries shall be accepted in seed point order.

3.2.2. Entries in each age group should be accepted taking into account the proportion of the total number of entries into the competition in each age group. A minimum number of 10 competitors should be accepted to ensure a reasonable level of competition within each age group. Entries should be limited to a maximum of 150 males and 100 females in order to ensure that the absolute maximum of all competitors does not exceed 250.

3.2.3. If a nation entering a team or teams into the International Team Parallel Slalom event does not have the appropriate number of competitors within the appropriate seed point cut-off levels, further competitors from that nation will be accepted irrespective of seed points, providing they are registered, to bring the total number of competitors from that nation up to 4 competitors and 1 reserve per team. Maximum 2 men's teams and 2 women's teams.

3.3. Entry

3.3.1. The Race Bulletin must include the acceptance criteria.

3.3.2. The closing date for entries will be 15 days before the event. Late entries may be accepted up to the time of the draw. Protests against non-acceptance of late entries will be decided at the discretion of the organisers.

3.3.3. An acceptance list will be published at least 12 days before the event.

3.3.4. Protests against non-acceptance will be considered by the Organising Committee 5 days before the event.

3.4. Specific Rules for the Championships

3.4.1. The event will normally comprise a two run Slalom, a one run GS and an International Team Parallel Slalom. If the slope is not suitable for a GS, a second non-championship slalom may be organised in its place.

3.4.2. The start order for the Slalom and GS will be based on the points used to determine acceptance into the Championships as described above. The best seeded competitors should have the lowest bib numbers and start last.

3.4.3. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, competitors who fail to finish or who are disqualified in the first run, may be allowed to ski the second course, in a group, before the official second run of the race. Their times will not be recorded.

3.4.4. Due to time constraints, the Jury may decide to postpone consideration of protests against disqualification in the first run until after the second run has been completed. In these circumstances, competitors who are allegedly disqualified in the first run should be allowed to compete in the second run as if there were no disqualification.

3.5. Prizes

3.5.1. Tokens are awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boy and girl in each discipline.

3.6. Challenge Trophies

3.6.1. International Team Event (open to Home Nation and non-British teams)

1st Men's Team	Kings Ski Club Trophy
1st Women's Team	LSRA Dual Slalom Cup

3.6.2. Slalom Championships (first British unless otherwise indicated)

U14 Girls	Ski Club of Great Britain Trophy
U14 Boys	North Wales Ski Club Trophy
U16 Girls	Scottish Ski Club Trophy
U16 Boys	Scottish Ski Club Trophy
U18 Girls	Hans Kuwall Trophy (presented by LSRA)
U18 Boys	Hans Kuwall Trophy (presented by LSRA)
U21 Girls	Dendix Trophy
U21 Boys	Dendix Trophy
Senior Woman	The Skier Trophy
Senior Man	Alpine Ski Centre Trophy
Overall Woman	Elizabeth Noble Trophy [any nationality]
Overall Man	Timothy Noble Trophy [any nationality]

3.6.3. Giant Slalom Championships

Overall Woman	Linda & Steve Thorburn Cup [any nationality]
Overall Man	LSRA GS Cup [any nationality]
Best combined (SL & GS) Scottish Woman	Elizabeth Noble Trophy (GS)
Best combined (SL & GS) Scottish Man	Timothy Noble Trophy (GS)

3.6.4. Only British Citizens are eligible to win the Age Group trophies.

3.6.5. At the request of the donors, the Overall Slalom and GS trophies are presented to the overall winners, regardless of nationality.

3.6.6. No trophies are available at present for the age group winners in the Giant Slalom Championships.

3.7. International Team Slalom Event

3.7.1. The Competition, which is open to national teams only, is to be two parallel slalom relays, one for men and one for women. Home Nation Team members must be registered as performers with the relevant Home Nation and may only represent the nation represented by their registration number as shown on the current BARTS seed list.

3.7.2. Each team is to consist of 4 competitors.

3.7.3. Each team should be seeded by totalling the race points achieved by team members in the individual Slalom event. Any competitor who failed to finish or was disqualified will be given points equal to that of the lowest ranked member of that team.

3.7.4. Start order will normally be determined by following the principles of BCR Book 1 Rule 1224.

3.7.5. If time and the number of competing teams permit, every round will be the best of three races.

If not, then each race in the first, second and semi-final rounds, and the race to determine third place, will consist of one race. The choice of courses will be decided by the Team Captains at the toss of a coin for red or blue before the first round. If a third race is necessary, a coin is to be tossed again for choice of courses. After the second round of the final, the two losing teams from the semi final are to race for third place, the Team Captains to toss a coin for choice of course.

3.7.6. Each team must be represented by a Team Captain. The Assistant Referee or Referee for the International Team Event is to be appointed at the Team Captains' Meeting.

4. GBR (Great British Racing) Series

4.1 Eligibility

4.1.1. All competitors must be registered with their respective registration authority.

4.2. Acceptance

4.2.1. Acceptance will be decided on the basis of BARTS Seed Points in accordance with BACR III.

4.2.2. In the case of the event being over-subscribed, priority will be given to those with lower seed points.

4.2.3. In age groups U14 and older, a seed point cut-off will only be applied if the race becomes over-subscribed. In this case article 4.2.2 above will be applied and the Jury will decide the value of the cut-off.

4.3. Specific Rules for the Series

4.3.1. The GBR Indoor and Outdoor series will each usually comprise six races, but other programmes may be agreed between HNs. Regardless of the number of races the agreed programme must be published prior to the first race in each series taking place.

4.3.2. The Indoor and Outdoor Series are run as separate competitions, and racers may compete in one or other or both.

4.3.3. Awards will be made in each Series, for the top three men and women overall, and the top three in each age group (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, Master).

4.3.4. Points will be awarded at each race to count towards the Series result.

4.3.5. For age groups U14 and above, each race will be run as a standard two run Slalom using full-height flex Slalom poles with the aggregate time to count for the result. For age groups U10 and U12, each race will be a minimum of two runs of Slalom using stubby poles with the best time to count for the result.

4.3.6. For age groups U14 and above the start order for each race will follow BACR I 621.3. For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for the start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run.

4.3.7. At each race, Series Points towards the age group totals will be awarded to the first five males and females in each age group as follows: -

Position	Points
1	7
2	5
3	3
4	2
5	1

4.3.8. At each race, Series Points towards the overall totals will be awarded to the first 30 overall males and females, as per the FIS World Cup points rules:-

Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.
1	100	11	24	21	10
2	80	12	22	22	9
3	60	13	20	23	8
4	50	14	18	24	7
5	45	15	16	25	6
6	40	16	15	26	5
7	36	17	14	27	4
8	32	18	13	28	3
9	29	19	12	29	2
10	26	20	11	30	1

4.3.9. Where two or more competitors obtain identical times they will all receive points appropriate to the tied position.

4.3.10. Points gained at all the races in the Series will count towards the final total.

4.3.11. Where two or more competitors Series Points are equal, reference will be made to the overall positions in each race or age group (number of first places, etc.) to determine the order in the final ranking.

4.4. GBR Series Club Competition

4.4.1. The GBR Series Club Competition is calculated from the results of the same series of races as the individual competition described above.

4.4.2. The Indoor and Outdoor Club Competitions are run as separate competitions, and racers may compete in one or other or both.

4.4.3. At each race, age group points will be awarded to the first five males and females in each age group (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, Master 1, Master 2). If there are fewer than five finishers in an age group, then the points awarded will be reduced accordingly. Where two or more competitors obtain identical times, they will all receive age group points appropriate to the tied position.

Finishers	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
5	7	5	3	2	1
4	5	3	2	1	
3	3	2	1		
2	2	1			
1	1				

4.4.4. Age group points for each club named in the official results for the race will be totalled, and each club scoring age group points will be awarded Series points as shown above in 4.3.8. Thus, the club that has the highest total of age group points will be awarded 100 Series points, the second highest 80 points, and so on.

4.4.5. These Series points will be accumulated across all the races in the Series to produce the final total.

5. Outdoor Club National format

5.1. Entry Criteria

5.1.1. Entrants having no seed points are given first priority. Priority for entrants with seed points is given to those with the higher seed points. If the race is oversubscribed, entrants with the best (lowest) seed points will be rejected.

5.1.2. For Under 10/Under 12 events, all valid entries are accepted.

5.2. Format

5.2.1. The competitions comprise three runs on the same course. The time for the better of runs 1 and 2 plus the time for run 3 are to count. For age groups U10 and U12, each race will be a minimum of two runs of Slalom using stubby poles with the best time to count for the result.

5.3. Start Order

5.3.1. The start order for run 1 is:

U10/U12 Girls	drawn for start order
U10/U12 Boys	drawn for start order
Women	in descending seed point order, those without seed points (including unregistered racers) drawn for start order and to ski first, the top 15 seeded entrants to be drawn for start order and race last
Men	same as the Women

5.3.2. The start order for run 2 is the same as run 1.

5.3.3. The start order for run 3 is in reverse better time order. If the Jury so decide, all racers who were disqualified or did not finish both first and second runs will be allowed to ski the course before the start of the third run.

5.3.4. Run 2 takes place immediately after the completion of run 1.

5.3.5. For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run.

5.4. Referee's Reports

5.4.1. The Referee's Report for run 1 should be prepared, posted and announced as early as possible, provided this is done for each 'category' (U10/U12s, Females, Males) well in advance of that category's second run so as not to confer advantage on some competitors within a category. If this cannot be done in time, no Reports from run 1 should be posted until the end of run 2.

5.4.2. Regardless of when the Report for run 1 is posted, the official publication - and hence the 15 minute deadline for receipt of protests - will not commence until the Referee's Report for run 2 has been published. The same deadline must be used for protests against both Reports.

5.4.3. Protests against the Referee's Reports for run 1 and run 2 will be heard and the Jury decision announced before the start of run 3.

6. Indoor Club National Format

6.1. Entry Criteria

6.1.1. Entrants having no seed points are given first priority. Priority for entrants with seed points is given to those with the higher seed points. If the race is oversubscribed, entrants with the best (lowest) seed points will be rejected.

6.1.2. For Under 10/Under 12 events, all valid entries are accepted.

6.2. Format

6.2.1. The competitions comprise two separate single-run races on different courses. The aggregate times of the two races are combined to produce a result for prize-giving. Each single-run race will be seeded separately.

6.2.2. For age groups U10 and U12, each race will be a minimum of two runs of Slalom using stubby poles with the best time to count for the result.

6.3. Start Order

6.3.1. The start order for the first race is the same as for a standard two-run race; the top group is drawn first, followed by the remainder of the seeded competitors in seed point order, then the unseeded competitors are drawn as a group at the end. For U10/U12 competitors, the start order is determined by a random draw.

6.3.2. The start order for the second race is determined by reversing the start order of the first race within each 'category' (females, males, U10/U12).

6.3.3. For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run.

7. Excel Introductory Races

7.1. Entry Criteria

7.1.1. Entrants having no seed points are given first priority. Priority for entrants with seed points is given to those with the higher seed points. If the race is oversubscribed, entrants with the best (lowest) seed points will be rejected.

7.1.2. No entrant with less than 20 seed points will be accepted.

7.1.3. No more than 75 entries will be accepted.

7.2. Format

7.2.1. The competitions comprise three runs down the same course, with the best single time to count for the result.

7.3. Start Order

7.3.1. The start order for the first run is the same as for a standard two-run race; the top group is drawn first, followed by the remainder of the seeded competitors in seed point order, then the unseeded competitors are drawn as a group at the end.

7.3.2. The start order for the second and third runs is the same as the first.

8. Calendar

8.1. Organisation

8.1.1. The British Artificial Calendar is organised by Snowsport England (SE) on behalf of GB Snowsport.

8.1.2. The TD Forum retains the authority to decide which events are suitable for seeding.

8.1.3. The calendar process is managed by a Working Group that includes representatives from SE, Snowsport Scotland (SSS) and Snowsport Wales (SSW). This group decides on the allocation of national level events such as the GBR Series to HNs, agrees the dates of national championships, and co-operates in avoiding date clashes for seeded club events.

8.2. Publication

8.2.1. The calendar will be completed no later than November 1st for the following artificial slope season, to allow the TD Forum autumn meeting to ratify the list of seeded events.

8.2.2. The calendar will be published on GBSKI.com no later than January 1st to allow for a timely appointment of TDs to seeded events.

8.3. Contents

8.3.1. The following seeded artificial slope events are to be included in the Calendar:

- British non-FIS events - (GBR).
- Constituent Group non-FIS events - (CG).
- Club events - (C).

8.3.2. Other skiing events may also be listed in the British Calendar on GBSKI.com, including (but not limited to) school and regional competitions.

8.3.3. The following information is to be given for each calendar event where appropriate:
Date; Site; Name and Type of Event; Organiser; Category; Disciplines; Key Officials.

8.3.4. All events on the calendar that are intended to count for seed points are indicated by the presence of a 'stopwatch' icon on the GBSKI listing.

8.3.5. The name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address of the Race Organiser/Secretary, to whom entries must be sent and from whom information can be obtained, must be included for all races on the Calendar.

8.4. Calendar Fees

8.4.1. A calendar fee of £40 per race day is payable to GB Snowsport at the time of application.

9. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2007	15-Nov-2006	Approved by TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards.
Nov 15	15-Nov-2015	4.2.3 Removal of the 300 point limit for race entries.
		4.3.6 Minor changes to the start order for U14 and U10/12s.
		5.2.1 Clarification of the racing format.
		5.3.5 Clarification of the racing format.
		6.2.2 and 6.3.3 U10/12 Draw and race format clarifications.
		8.2.2 removed as no longer applicable.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	Replace BSS with GB Snowsport.
Nov 19	3-Nov-19	3.2 Introduction of Quotas to allow all Eligible Nations to enter the British Championships.
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender neutral amendments.
		4.3.1 Changes to reflect the number of races in a series.
Nov 21	7-Nov-21	8.4.1 Calendar fees updated.
Apr 22	22-Apr-22	4.4 GBR Series Club Competition added.
Apr 23	20-Apr 23	7.1.2 seed point reduction agreed to in Nov 22 to 20 for Excel races.
Dec 23	5-Dec-23	8.1 – 8.3 revised calendar process.



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1. General

This document forms part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR), and contains the regulations covering Competition Equipment that apply to British competitions on artificial slopes (including indoor snow). Refer to BACR Book I for overall details about BACR and its application.

2. Overview

2.1. FIS Equipment Cycle

FIS have decided to make equipment changes only in the year after a Winter Olympics. Those changes will thus remain in effect for four years, although there may be exceptions from time to time.

2.2. Responsibilities

Although these regulations specify particular dimensions for competition equipment to be used during recognised events, the responsibility for skiing, training and racing on appropriate equipment remains with the racer, their coach and/or parents.

2.3. Recommendations

Due to the nature of artificial slope competitions, considering the scope of abilities, ages and physical maturity of athletes, there are no specified competition rules regarding some parameters such as ski length and turning radius for artificial slope events.

It is recommended, however, that the FIS/British ski length regulations as defined in BCR Book VII are followed even for artificial slope competitions.

2.4. Eyewear

Use of optical eyewear while racing is entirely at the wearer's risk.

3. Specifications

3.1. Ski Dimensions

No rules apply to the ski dimensions in artificial slope competitions:

Minimum length

Profile width under binding

Profile width in front of binding

Radius

3.2. Max height of binding, plate & ski

Distance between the bottom of the running surface of the ski and the ski boot sole.

Age Groups	Events	
All	All	50mm

3.3. Max height of boot sole

Distance between the ski boot sole and the base of the heel including all hard and soft parts.

Age Groups	Events	
Sen/U21-U14	All	43mm
Masters	All	45mm (Recommendation)

4. Document History

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		Added paragraph covering eyewear.
Dec 14	01-Dec-14	Updated to reflect FIS rules and dispensations.
Nov 16	06-Nov-16	Helmet dispensation removed.



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1. General

This document is part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR), and contains the regulations covering the Calendar and Homologation requirements that apply to events which are run as 'recognised' British artificial slope races. Refer to BACR Book I for overall details about BACR and its application.

2. Rules regarding the Homologation of the Courses

2.1. General

2.1.1. Principles

The principles of homologation are to ensure that the course meets the required technical specifications, and that all appropriate security measures are in place, and therefore that races run on the course may be considered for seeding.

2.1.2. Homologation Controller

The TD Forum shall name a designated 'Homologation Controller' to oversee course homologations, manage the processing of homologation requests, and maintain the list of homologated courses.

2.1.3. Calendar Competitions

British Calendar competitions may only take place on homologated courses.

2.1.4. Exceptions

Exceptions may be granted on request. Only the TD Forum Homologation Group can grant exceptions or deviations from the prescribed technical data. If an exception is granted then that exception is valid from the date of approval until the expiry date if one is stated, or until the exception is revoked, whichever is the earlier.

2.2. Slope Criteria

2.2.1. Providing the average angle of slope is seventeen degrees or less, the length between start and finish line should be at least 100 metres for a Club National or other Club race and at least 140 metres for a GBR Series, or other National or Championship race.

If the average angle is greater than seventeen degrees, the minimum length required will be proportionally longer. If the slope is shorter than the ideal, the Homologation Request must be fully justified in writing and endorsed in writing by the relevant HNGB.

2.2.2. Most of the slope must be at least 10.8 metres wide. Part of the slope may be a minimum of 7.2 metres wide.

2.2.3. The top of the slope should allow quick acceleration from a horizontal starting position and should give adequate room for skiers waiting to start and for their coaches.

2.2.4. The finish area must provide adequate deceleration area for at least 10 metres from the finish line.

2.2.5. No part of the slope should be so shallow that it causes significant deceleration and the slope's contours should be judged appropriate by the person homologating.

2.2.6. Uplift must be efficient without interfering with the race or the race organisation.

2.2.7. There must be an area for issue of bibs, which may also be used as a race office.

2.2.8. There must be provision for locating timing personnel and PA in a private location with a good view of the slope.

2.2.9. The slope must either have efficient and reliable PA and timing systems or arrange for them to be available for the race. Unreliable timing will be sufficient cause to withdraw homologation. Slopes will be required to have a suitable weatherproof timing hut, situated close to, and with a good view of, the finish. Power supply, plus room for at least three officials behind a working surface and viewing window, will be required.

2.2.10. There must be a private room available for use by the Jury.

2.3. Homologation Request

2.3.1. The request for the homologation of a slope is to be directed to the Homologation Controller.

2.3.2. Requests can be made by slope owners, managers, operators, clubs, governing bodies or other interested parties.

2.3.3. In the case of a request made by someone other than the slope owner or operator, the agreement of the slope owner or operator must be obtained before the request can be submitted. Much of the technical information required for completion of the request will in any case have to be provided by the slope owner/operator so their agreement is an integral part of the process.

2.4. Completeness

2.4.1. Requests for homologation should be accompanied by a properly completed set of documents as outlined below. Incomplete documentation may be grounds for the request to be rejected or delayed.

2.4.2. If any guidance is required on the completion of any of the documents, the Homologation Controller should be contacted for advice.

2.5. Documents

2.5.1. The request for the homologation of a course must be accompanied by the six documents described below. These documents make up the "Homologation Request Pack".

2.5.2. Homologation Request Application Form, containing:-

Name of the venue

Full address including postcode

Contact details of applicant

Contact details for slope manager/operator if different to above

Discipline(s) for which homologation is being sought

2.5.3. A description of the course, containing:-

Start point expressed in metres above sea level

Finish point expressed in metres above sea level

Surface run length expressed in metres

Surface width(s) expressed in metres

Minimum, maximum and average gradients expressed as percentages

A description of the access to the start and finish areas

A description of the uphill transport, and access to the uplift points

A description of the start and finish areas including:-

- Access for competitors, coaches and spectators
- Crowd control measures
- Installations in start such as start ramp
- Protection measures in place in the finish area

A description of any other places requiring safety nets or other protection

An indication of the locations of the loudspeakers for the public address system

A description of the communication system showing:-

- Permanent and temporary cables
- Connections between start and finish, between finish and timing

- Location of electricity supply
- Access points for emergency evacuation
- Lubrication system style, supply, run time, coverage
- Type of running surface (snow, Dendix, other)
- Type of poles that can be used
- Provision for locating timing team, commentator with view of slope
- Provision of separate room for Jury meetings, race office

2.5.4. A profile diagram indicating the vertical drop and length of the course.

2.5.5. A detailed sketch or diagram of the course, including such items as:-

- Lift pylons, roof supports, trees and other obstacles,
- Permanent and temporary protection measures

2.5.6. Photographs of the course. These must be of sufficient number and clarity as to detail all parts of the course including start and finish area and all safety installations.

2.5.7. A completed Event Medical Plan.

2.6. Inspectors

2.6.1. Pre-requisites

A Homologation Inspector must be a currently qualified TD, and must have current experience of events on artificial slopes including acting as TD for British Calendar events for at least 5 years.

2.6.2. Selection

The TD Forum is solely responsible for designating Homologation Inspectors. The Homologation Group will assign a suitably qualified TD to undertake an Inspection.

2.6.3. Expiration of the Application

If any work requested has not been completed within six months after the inspection is carried out and the homologation cannot be granted, the course will be removed from the list of pending homologations. A new Homologation Request would then be required for the course to be considered for homologation, and another Homologation Inspection would also be needed.

2.6.4. Validity of the Homologation Certificate

The Certificate is valid for a period of ten years from the date of issue. After that, a re-homologation must be carried out.

2.6.5. Homologation File

The Inspection Report, together with the Homologation Request Pack and any supplementary or subsequent reports or other documents, make up the "Homologation File" for the course.

The Homologation File will be made available for review by any TD assigned to an event on that course.

2.7. Alterations to a Homologated Slope

Where alterations to the course are made, or the conditions of the course, site, security measures or other factors change, they must be notified to the Homologation Controller immediately.

2.7.1. Suspension

Having been notified of alterations to the course, the Homologation Controller may at their discretion require that the homologation of the course be suspended until such time as another inspection has been carried out.

2.7.2. Minor alterations

If the Homologation Controller is satisfied that the alterations do not warrant a re-inspection, they may stipulate that the existing homologation can remain in force

subject to the TD assigned to the next event on that course ratifying that the description of the alterations is accurate.

2.7.3. Record of alterations

Any alterations notified to the Homologation Controller will be recorded in the Homologation File and will thus be available for review by any TD assigned to an event on that course.

2.8. Renewal

To renew an existing homologation upon expiry of its homologation Certificate, a re-inspection is necessary, regardless of whether or not any alterations have been made to the course.

2.9. Withdrawal

It should be noted that due to improving standards or for other reasons, an existing homologation may be withdrawn or suspended at any time by a Technical Delegate, Homologation Controller or Homologation Inspector, pending re-inspection and/or remedial action.

3. Homologation Procedure

3.1. The Application

3.1.1. As soon as the required documents are ready, the applicant will send the Homologation Request to the Homologation Controller.

3.1.2. The Homologation Controller will review the documents, and when satisfied that the documents are complete will then appoint an Inspector.

3.2. The Inspector and the Inspection Visit

3.2.1. The Inspector will be provided with a copy of all the documents as described above.

3.2.2. The Inspector will then contact the applicant to agree a suitable date and time for the inspection visit. This visit must also be agreed with the site owner/operator if they are not the applicant, as full access to the site will be required for the inspection to be carried out.

3.2.3. The Inspector's travel expenses must be paid to them directly by the applicant.

3.2.4. The inspection visit will take place, and the inspection carried out in accordance with the Homologation Inspection Guidelines.

3.2.5. It should be noted that the Inspector is free to recommend that a slope is not suitable for running seeded races even if the above criteria are met.

3.3. Inspection Report

3.3.1. After the inspection, the Inspector will write an Inspection Report including marking or otherwise indicating any improvements or changes that are required. This report will be sent to the Homologation Controller.

3.3.2. If improvements or changes are required, it is left to the discretion of the Inspector to decide whether a further inspection visit would be required once those changes have been made, or whether it would be sufficient for the TD appointed to the next event at that venue to verify that the changes have been made. In either case, this decision must be noted on the Inspection Report.

3.3.3. The Report will include the Inspector's decision that the slope be:

- Granted Homologation,
- Granted Homologation subject to specified conditions, or
- Refused Homologation

3.3.4. The Homologation Controller will send a copy of the completed Inspection Report to the originator of the Homologation Request.

3.4. Issue of the Homologation Certificate

3.4.1. If the Inspection Report indicates that the Homologation Request is approved and no further work is needed, the Homologation Inspector will produce the Homologation Certificate, sending the original to the Applicant and retaining a PDF copy with the Homologation File.

3.4.2. The Certificate itself sets out the name of the course, the basic technical data, and the disciplines for which the homologation has been approved. The registration number of the Certificate (the "homologation number") indicates the total number of homologated courses, and the month and year in which the Certificate was issued. The expiry date is also indicated on the Certificate.

3.4.3. The Homologation Controller will send a copy of the Certificate to the originator of the Homologation Request.

3.4.4. The Homologation Controller will also add the relevant details, including the registration number and expiry date, to the published list of homologated courses.

4. Guidelines for the Homologation Process

4.1. General

This section includes background information to assist with various parts of the Homologation process.

4.2. Duties and Responsibilities

4.2.1. A variety of legislation, regulations and guidelines exist that places the onus on the slope operator to ensure that slope design and maintenance includes all the necessary safety measures. This includes: Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (HSE L21); Health and Safety in Ski Slope Operations (HSE INDG371).

4.2.2. The assessment carried out during the course of the inspection, and any advice given, alterations requested, or issues raised by the Homologation Inspector, in no way relieves the slope operator of their various obligations and statutory duties in the design, construction or operation of the slope.

4.2.3. It is the duty of the Homologation Inspector to assess whether the slope conforms to the criteria laid down for a homologated slope, and thus whether it is deemed to be suitable as a venue for Alpine competitions.

4.2.4. The Homologation Inspector may advise the slope operator on technical matters relating to any issues or alterations that might be required for homologation to be granted. The Homologation Inspector accepts no liability for any advice given, and the slope operator should always consider seeking professional advice on matters relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of the slope.

4.3. Homologation Request

4.3.1. The Homologation Request Pack ("the Request") consists of a set of documents that are intended to provide basis of the homologation file. These include all the basic technical data about the slope, and should provide the Homologation Controller with enough information to assess whether the slope or course appears suitable for the disciplines for which homologation is being sought.

4.3.2. As there are only a small number of slopes within the UK, personal knowledge of those slopes within the Homologation Group may mean that there is some leeway in how complete the Request needs to be before it is deemed fit to use as the basis for an Inspection. For example, it may not be necessary to include a full set of photographs with the initial Request, as these can be taken during the Inspection Visit.

4.3.3. Any incomplete or missing items in the Request should be added during the Inspection Visit or on completion of the Inspection Report. If any information is still missing then the reason for its absence should be noted, and this will be taken into account when determining whether or not to grant the Homologation.

4.4. Inspection

4.4.1. The Inspection Visit ("the Inspection") will be carried out by an appropriate person as specified in section 2.6 ("the Inspector"). The Inspector will complete an Inspection Report ("the Report") as a record of the Visit.

4.4.2. All elements of the course as laid out in the Course Description Form will be verified by the Inspector. This includes start and finish heights, slope widths, start and finish area characteristics and all security measures. Some aspects such as running length and gradients can be difficult to verify on the slope itself, in which case they must be checked by referring to the diagrams provided in the Request.

4.4.3. As might be expected, particular attention will be paid to the security measures on and around the slope. This will include not only those specified in the Course Description but also any additional hazards identified during the Inspection. This will include (but is not limited to) the following:-

- Protection applied to posts, trees, pylons, fences or other such structures which lie in the potential fall zone of a skier travelling at racing speed, including arriving in the finish area.
- Protection for any spectators in the vicinity.
- Safe passage of competitors requiring access to the uplift while the race is in progress.
- Condition of the slope surface, particularly on outdoor slopes and in the finish area on all slopes.

4.5. Follow-up Inspections

4.5.1. Where Homologation is granted 'subject to conditions' such as completion of specified alterations, further checks will be necessary to ensure that those conditions are met before any races can be held on the slope.

4.5.2. If the Inspector has determined that a further Inspection Visit would be necessary, then the application should contact the Inspector to arrange a visit.

4.5.3. However, if the Inspector has determined that the TD appointed to the next event at the slope would be able to verify that the conditions have been met, then the appropriate information will be supplied to that TD in advance of the event.

5. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2007	15-Nov-2006	Approved by TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards.
Dec 13	10-Dec-2013	Section dealing with Calendar moved to Book IV.
		Complete re-write of section dealing with Homologation.
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